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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Cloudy and locally brisk with a chance of rain. High 41.
Mostly cloudy tonight, low 27.
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Official: Bush wins

Secretary of state certifies results, but court dates loom

The Associated Press

Florida's secretary of state certified George W. Bush the winner over Al Gore Sunday night in the state's near-deadlocked presidential vote — but court contests left in doubt which man will be the ultimate victor and 43rd president of the United States. Bush said he had won the White House and asked Gore to reconsider his challenges.

"Now that the votes are counted, it is time for the votes to count," Gov. Bush said from the state capitol in Austin, Texas, after Secretary of State Katherine

Harris, a campaign supporter, announced that he had captured Florida by an infinitesimal 537-vote margin.

Bush announced that running mate Dick Cheney will direct his transition operations in Washington, and that former Secretary of Transportation Andrew Card will be his White House chief of staff. The Texas governor said the election was close but he won and will begin "preparing to serve" as president. While Bush asked Cheney "to work with President Clinton's administration to open a transition office in Washington," the government agency that would make the arrangements was not ready to do so.

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Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris signs the Florida presidential election certification Sunday during a ceremony at the Capitol in Tallahassee, Fla.

THIRTY-LOVE

Burdick will be third judge to tackle water adjudication

By N.S. Nakkentved Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some days he wakes up at 5 a.m. to get in an hour and a half of tennis before donning his robes for another day on the bench.

On Dec. 15, that will be a different bench a few blocks away. That's the day 5th District Judge Roger S. Burdick will replace Judge R. Barry Wood at the helm of the state's water court.

Burdick's job will be to complete the legal sorting of about 150,000 water rights claims in 38 of Idaho's 44 counties. And he'll have to do with lawmakers looking over his shoulder while considering the arguments of a phalanx of veteran water lawyers.

Presiding over the Snake River Basin Adjudication, Burdick will deal with more than 100,000 claimants that include small irrigators, huge trout farms, small towns, large cities, four Indian tribes and 10 federal agencies.

"This case already has eaten up two of the best judges we have," Burdick said.

But Burdick, 53, is a people person, with graying curls above inquisitive blue eyes, a luxurious mustache and a disarming personality.

He inherits the case from Wood, who took the case on an interim basis in 1999. Wood had replaced District Judge Dan Hurlbutt, who had presided over the case from its inception in 1987 until the end of 1998.

But Wood has been removed from the case because Supreme Court Justice-elect Dan Eisman is his brother in law, creating an apparent conflict of interest. Eisman would likely be reviewing decisions from Wood's court.

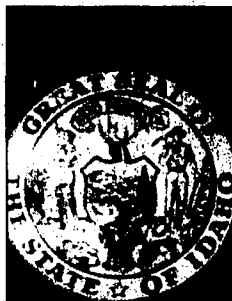
The responsibility for finding another judge to handle the massive case fell to Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout. When the court decided to remove Wood, Trout called Burdick and asked him if he would think about taking on the case.

Short of volunteering, he indicated an interest and a willingness to be considered, Trout said.

Two weeks later, Burdick called her back, accepting the challenge. He was not pressured. He had not been contacted by water users or bigwigs in the legislature, he said.

"If I fall on my face, it'll be because I did it myself," he said.

Trout said she asked Burdick because he Please see JUDGE, Page A2



Fifth District Judge Roger Burdick ponders a case in his Twin Falls County courtroom. Burdick has been chosen to succeed Judge Barry Wood to head the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

President-elect says U.S. can't point fingers

Mexico's Fox says America must deal with drug habit

The Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL, Mexico — Only days before his historic inauguration as president, Vicente Fox said America should deal with its drug habit and pledged to join the United States and Canada in what he called "NAFTA-plus."

In an interview with The

Associated Press before he takes office on Friday, Fox said the United States is too quick to write off Mexico as a corrupt haven for drug smugglers — and too reluctant to look in the mirror.

"The United States year after year blames us. Why?" Fox asked. "Who lets the drugs into the United States? Who is

doing gigantic business in the United States, then sends down millions of dollars that corrupt Mexican police officers and government officials?"

Fox said the two countries need to "sit down ... and work this out together."

Fox has promised strong measures against drug corruption, but his comments

indicate he will continue — or increase — Mexico's longstanding complaint that the supply of drugs would not exist without demand in the United States.

He also said that despite a tepid reaction from both George W. Bush and Al Gore, he was confident that he would persuade his northern neighbors to

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Thanksgiving travelers load planes, trains, buses and cars

The Associated Press

Busy airports, congested roads and trains, and wet, foggy weather in some parts of the country on Sunday made the trip home

that much longer for Thanksgiving travelers. With the Air Transport Association predicting a record 2.24 million passengers, airport officials were bracing for the

worst. "They're all coming back at the same time," said Nancy Castles, spokeswoman for Los Angeles International Airport. She said 205,000 passengers

were expected Sunday, up from the estimated 195,000 to 200,000 on the day a year ago.

"It's because the economy is good and people are traveling more," Castles said.

San Francisco International Airport also was expecting a deluge of passengers. In the morning, fog forced cancellation of 20 flights and delayed others up to 2.5 hours.

Late barrage

Clinton poises to unleash regulations before leaving office

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is striving mightily to pour forth regulations on the environment, labor, health care and other controversial topics before Jan. 20 brings a new occupant to the White House.

The end of every presidential term brings a flurry of last-minute activities, and a transition from one party to the other generally triggers a blizzard of what has become known as "midnight regulations."

After this year's close and bitterly contested election, the mere prospect of a Republican administration headed by George W. Bush is making the Democrats who are now in control all the more determined to leave a lasting imprint on public policy.

Here are some of the more controversial regulations that the Clinton administration is likely to put into effect before Jan. 20:

- A 95 percent reduction in the amount of sulfur in diesel fuel, which powers the trucks that transport most of the goods Americans consume. Advocates hail it as the biggest pollution cleanup since lead was removed from gasoline. Business opponents blast it as the equivalent of a hefty new tax that would cripple diesel-fuel production and send prices soaring.

- Tighter privacy standards for electronic medical records. Individuals want to keep their records confidential, and to be able to sue if their privacy is violated. Employers and health plans say they need the information to improve health-care delivery.

- Designation of the Arctic Wildlife Range as a national monument, which would make oil drilling in the area virtually impossible. Environmentalists want it, but Alaska's congressional delegation is staunchly opposed.

- In determining federal contracts, the blacklisting of companies accused of violating federal labor, environmental and health laws. Labor unions call this a long-overdue reform. Business complains that the threat of losing eligibility to bid for contracts can encourage business rivals or union organizers to lodge false and frivolous complaints.

Congressional Republicans, despite controlling the House and the Senate both this year and next, are powerless to stop the rules, which have the force of law. The constitutional separation of powers between the branches of government leaves Congress responsible for passing laws but gives the executive branch exclusive authority to adopt the regulations it deems necessary to administer them.

That has left some Republican lawmakers fuming. "The Clinton administration's approach to government can be summed up in three words: rules, rules, rules," said Rep. J.C. Watts Jr. of Oklahoma, chairman of the House Republican Conference. "This administration's primary goal is to increase bureaucracy and the size of government until it invades every cubicle and every workplace in America. These last-ditch efforts are the last gasps of an administration bent on increasing the size and scope of government at every level."



President Bill Clinton

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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IDAHO

Idaho Extremes
Yesterday:
High 47°
Low 19°
Challis

Missoula
38/23

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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
Temperature
High 43°/50°
Normal high 43°/42°
Low 17°/16°
Normal low 17°/16°
Record high 66° in 1990
Record low 5° in 1965
Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
Month to date: 1.00"
Normal month to date: 1.00"
Year to date: 7.31"
Normal year to date: 9.21"
Humidity at 6 p.m.: 79%
Barometric Pressure
Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.19 in.
Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass Absent
Weeds Absent
Mold Absent
Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather.
Temperatures are today's highs and lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
▲ 44°	▼ 27°	▲ 43° ▼ 26°	▲ 53° ▼ 27°	▲ 47° ▼ 29°	▲ 44° ▼ 27°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: A snow shower this morning, then cloudy to partly sunny this afternoon. Rather cloudy tonight with areas of fog. Clouds and some sunshine tomorrow with seasonably chilly air.

Boise: A morning snow shower, then clouds and limited sunshine today. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with areas of fog. Areas of fog tomorrow morning, then partial sunshine in the afternoon.

Northern Nevada: A morning snow shower, then clouds and a little sunshine today. Highs 44-54. Partly cloudy tonight with areas of fog developing. Lows 20-30. Cloudy to partly sunny tomorrow. Highs 44-54.

Northern Utah: Cloudy for the most part today, rain showers in the valleys and light snow in the mountains. A dusting may be deposited on the slopes. Cloudy to partly sunny tomorrow.

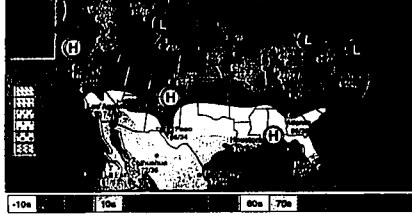
Northern Idaho: Rather cloudy today with a couple of rain or snow showers. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with a snow shower or two. Areas of fog tomorrow morning, then mostly cloudy.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 85° in Miami, FL Low -5° in Fraser, CO

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high and low. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



CANADIAN CITIES

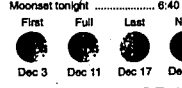
City	Today	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Calgary	28°/10°	30°/10°	32°/10°	34°/10°	36°/10°
Edmonton	28°/10°	30°/10°	32°/10°	34°/10°	36°/10°
Halifax	38°/28°	40°/30°	42°/32°	44°/34°	46°/36°
Kelowna	38°/28°	40°/30°	42°/32°	44°/34°	46°/36°
London	20°/10°	22°/12°	24°/14°	26°/16°	28°/18°
Montreal	32°/12°	34°/14°	36°/16°	38°/18°	40°/20°
Ottawa	32°/12°	34°/14°	36°/16°	38°/18°	40°/20°
Regina	20°/10°	22°/12°	24°/14°	26°/16°	28°/18°
Saskatoon	32°/12°	34°/14°	36°/16°	38°/18°	40°/20°
Vancouver	48°/38°	50°/40°	52°/42°	54°/44°	56°/46°
Victoria	48°/38°	50°/40°	52°/42°	54°/44°	56°/46°
Winnipeg	28°/18°	30°/20°	32°/22°	34°/24°	36°/26°

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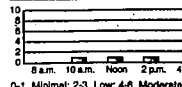
City	Today	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Albuquerque	61°/31°	63°/33°	65°/35°	67°/37°	69°/39°
Athens	51°/21°	53°/23°	55°/25°	57°/27°	59°/29°
Austin	81°/61°	83°/63°	85°/65°	87°/67°	89°/69°
Bangkok	32°/22°	34°/24°	36°/26°	38°/28°	40°/30°
Beijing	51°/31°	53°/33°	55°/35°	57°/37°	59°/39°
Berlin	46°/26°	48°/28°	50°/30°	52°/32°	54°/34°
Buenos Aires	77°/57°	79°/59°	81°/61°	83°/63°	85°/65°
Calcutta	32°/22°	34°/24°	36°/26°	38°/28°	40°/30°
Chicago	51°/31°	53°/33°	55°/35°	57°/37°	59°/39°
Hong Kong	81°/61°	83°/63°	85°/65°	87°/67°	89°/69°
Jerusalem	46°/26°	48°/28°	50°/30°	52°/32°	54°/34°
Los Angeles	61°/41°	63°/43°	65°/45°	67°/47°	69°/49°
London	51°/31°	53°/33°	55°/35°	57°/37°	59°/39°
Madrid	61°/41°	63°/43°	65°/45°	67°/47°	69°/49°
Moscow	32°/12°	34°/14°	36°/16°	38°/18°	40°/20°
New York	51°/31°	53°/33°	55°/35°	57°/37°	59°/39°
Paris	46°/26°	48°/28°	50°/30°	52°/32°	54°/34°
Rio de Janeiro	81°/61°	83°/63°	85°/65°	87°/67°	89°/69°
Sao Paulo	81°/61°	83°/63°	85°/65°	87°/67°	89°/69°
Seoul	46°/26°	48°/28°	50°/30°	52°/32°	54°/34°
Sydney	77°/57°	79°/59°	81°/61°	83°/63°	85°/65°
Tokyo	51°/31°	53°/33°	55°/35°	57°/37°	59°/39°
Washington	61°/41°	63°/43°	65°/45°	67°/47°	69°/49°
Zurich	46°/26°	48°/28°	50°/30°	52°/32°	54°/34°

SUN AND MOON

Solar declination: 7°54' N
Sunset tonight: 5:07 p.m.
Moonrise today: 8:14 a.m.
Moonset tonight: 6:40 p.m.



UV INDEX TODAY



0-1, Minimal; 2-3, Low; 4-6, Moderate; 7-9, High; 10+, Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Atlanta	52°/32°	54°/34°	56°/36°	58°/38°	60°/40°
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Cleveland	52°/32°	54°/34°	56°/36°	58°/38°	60°/40°
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Washington, DC	52°/32°	54°/34°	56°/36°	58°/38°	60°/40°

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Boise	42°/22°	44°/24°	46°/26°	48°/28°	50°/30°
Bozons Ferry	35°/25°	37°/27°	39°/29°	41°/31°	43°/33°
Burley	44°/24°	46°/26°	48°/28°	50°/30°	52°/32°
Coeur d'Alene	35°/25°	37°/27°	39°/29°	41°/31°	43°/33°
Elko	42°/22°	44°/24°	46°/26°	48°/28°	50°/30°
Eggen	44°/24°	46°/26°	48°/28°	50°/30°	52°/32°
Heppner	35°/25°	37°/27°	39°/29°	41°/31°	43°/33°
Idaho Falls	39°/29°	41°/31°	43°/33°	45°/35°	47°/37°
Kalispell, MT	36°/26°	38°/28°	40°/30°	42°/32°	44°/34°
Laurens	42°/22°	44°/24°	46°/26°	48°/28°	50°/30°
Malad	40°/20°	42°/22°	44°/24°	46°/26°	48°/28°
Moita	41°/21°	43°/23°	45°/25°	47°/27°	49°/29°

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Judge

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already was in the area, so his appointment wouldn't entail moving, neither the court nor the judge. And Burdick is bright, capable, she said.
"I just felt like he would do a very good job," Trout said. His organizational and administrative skills are similar to Wood's, and that means some stability and continuity in the ongoing case. No one has complained about the appointment.
"Since that decision was made, I haven't heard a thing," Trout said.

And unlike his predecessors, neither Burdick nor any of his family members have any water rights claims in the adjudication. Some of Wood's rulings on claims by the Nez Perce were challenged because of his and his family's claims in the adjudication.

Burdick said he thought he was picked because he works well with lawyers, handles large case load efficiently, and already is located in Twin Falls.

"I can crunch cases," he said. "And I happen to be here in Twin Falls."

He likes the historical analysis that will come with the case that includes consideration of Indian treaties and federal government claims, he said, proudly showing a well-worn, leather-bound, two-volume set of the record of the Idaho Constitutional Convention.

Burdick has no illusions that he will rescue the case. He will work at it until it eats him up too, he said. But then he was never one to shy away from a challenge.

"I always rode wild ponies," he said.

When he takes on a challenge, he gives it all his energy as some

of his colleagues attest.
Tennis teammate Carson Wong, music professor at the College of Southern Idaho, said Burdick doesn't dominate the game or his partner, but when he has a chance to, he'll attack with all his might.

Twin Falls attorney Kevin Trainor calls Burdick a fair-minded people person, whose experience on and off the bench have given him the ability to see both sides of a case. The two were classmates at the University of Idaho School of Law.

"We'll miss him on the bench," Trainor said.

Wandering roots

Burdick, 53, was born in Boulder, Colo., in 1947. His father worked for the phone company and was transferred every three or four years. The family stayed in Boulder until he was in the fourth grade, when they moved to Helena, Mont.

From there the family moved to Boise where Burdick was the seventh grade. He graduated from Boise High School.

Burdick went back to Boulder and earned a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Colorado - with minors in geology and marketing.

"I can crunch cases," he said. Upon graduation he came back to a job as a bank examiner with the state Department of Finance in Boise. One day he was sent to Twin Falls to examine the Twin Falls Bank and Trust.

"It was love at first sight."

"The town absolutely grabbed me," he said.

When his ambition to become an international banker didn't work out, he took a job at a school. Then just as he was com-

pleting his law degree at the University of Idaho, Twin Falls attorney Lloyd Webb came to speak to the students. While Webb was eating lunch, Burdick approached him and said Webb should give him a job.

He did. Burdick happily moved to Twin Falls and started working with Webb, doing the kinds of things newly minted lawyers do - the cleanup stuff, Burdick said.

That lasted about a year, until he took a job in Ada County as a deputy prosecutor, serving as chief drug prosecutor.

One day, Burdick got a call from J. William Hart. Hart had signed a public defender contract for Camas, Lincoln, Jerome and Gooding counties, and he was looking for some help, he said. Twin Falls attorney Monte Carlson, who had worked with Burdick when both worked with Webb, suggested Hart ask Burdick.

Burdick took the job in 1977.

"It was a miracle," Hart said. The two became law partners and good friends. Both later became district judges, as did Carlson. Hart is retiring from the bench at the end of this year.

Among Burdick's finest qualities, Hart said, in "an inherent feeling for what's right and what's wrong, and he has the energy to do something about it."

Nor has he been bothered working against the tide of a public sentiment.

Once while working with Hart, Burdick took on a Camas County case defending some "hoodlums." It was an unpopular case, but Burdick put a lot of energy into it and gave them a competent defense, Hart said.

And Burdick's sense of humor is an important part of his personality, Hart said.

Once when some of his friends had planned a surprise birthday party, Burdick was in Grand View interviewing witnesses. Hart called him and told him one of his clients had just been arrested on a murder charge.

"I think he broke every speed limit getting back," Hart said. Burdick thought his client really needed him.

"I think his integrity and energy will carry the day," Hart said.

For Burdick and his family it was an opportunity to move back to the Magic Valley.

"We always wanted to move back to Twin," Burdick said. He liked the town, and the people. He loved to hunt and fish, and here he could do that nearly every day - more often when he could get away with it.

He is reported to have put an entire deer carcass across his back - on top of his backpack - and carry it out.

OK, so it was a small deer.

Though asthma eventually forced him to give up hunting, he has gotten it under control enough to play a pretty good game of tennis. Good enough that Burdick and teammate Wong, playing doubles in a city league, competed in a district tournament this summer. The two beat teams from Idaho Falls and Pocatello, but they lost to the Boise team.

The asthma doesn't seem to hurt his game. He shows up to play, he's ready to play, teammate Wong said. Burdick is aggressive, but he also is encouraging to other players, a good doubles teammate.

He doesn't like to lose, but he doesn't hold over the other players.

"When it's over, it's over; he doesn't dwell on it," Wong said.

Insurance program gains support

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Advocates for a long-term care insurance program for federal employees and retirees are among the big winners of the 106th Congress. The House and Senate approved the bill within a remarkably short span of 2 1/2 hours after a bipartisan group of lawmakers resolved a last-minute glitch over two minor tax-related provisions. Lobbyists from the major insurance companies, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the National Treasury Employees Union helped rush the bill through before the recess.

Near the end of July, Congress authorized the Office of Personnel Management to establish the

Advocates win Congressional seats

insurance program, just before lawmakers departed for the political conventions and their traditional August vacations. The House and Senate approved the bill within a remarkably short span of 2 1/2 hours after a bipartisan group of lawmakers resolved a last-minute glitch over two minor tax-related provisions. Lobbyists from the major insurance companies, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the National Treasury Employees Union helped rush the bill through before the recess.

If the long-term care legislation had not been approved in July, the new benefit might be languishing on the sidelines as Republicans and Democrats wage their last budget fights in the

lame-duck session that starts next week.

Congress, for example, needs to finish work on two major appropriations bills that finance operations at the departments of Commerce, Justice, State, Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. It also will need to revive a spending bill for Treasury Department and legislative branch operations that President Clinton vetoed last month.

Air Force shifts base approach for bombers

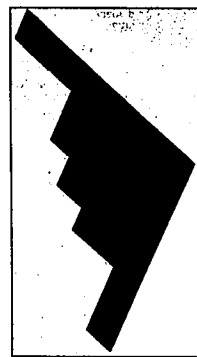
WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the more remarkable feats of the U.S. air war over Kosovo last year was the 30-hour roundtrip combat mission of B-2 stealth bombers flying from their base in Missouri. It was a point of pride for the Air Force that its bombers could deliver blows from such a distance.

Now the Air Force is quietly shifting its approach, hoping to get more bang from its bombers by preparing to have them carry out more wartime missions from air bases outside the continental United States.

All bombers in the Air Force fleet are now based at home: the B-2s at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.; B-52s at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.; and Minot Air Force Base, N.D.; and B-1s in Guam, Idaho and South Dakota.

The Air Force is not planning to permanently base any of the planes abroad. Rather, it is building up a capability to send them — in times of crisis — to spots like the Pacific island of Guam from which they could rearm, refuel and be sustained by ground crews much closer to potential combat zones like Korea and the Persian Gulf.

For bombers to operate for extended periods outside their continental U.S. bases, they need more than a place to land and park. They need access to extra fuel, for example, and lots of extra weapons.



A radar-evading B-2 Stealth bomber makes a low pass over Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., before landing for an airshow in this May 31, 1997 file photo.

Thus cruise missiles of the kind that B-52 bombers fired in the Kosovo air war are being stockpiled at Anderson Air Force Base in Guam, marking the first time these missiles have been stored outside the continental United States.

Holiday shopping gets a good start

Consumers spend more than expected

NEW YORK (AP) — The first weekend of the holiday shopping season turned out to be a pleasant surprise for worried retailers. The consumers who crowded malls and used e-commerce sites spent more than expected.

"Sales looked pretty decent," Michael P. Niemira, vice president of the Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi, said Sunday as he estimated that the weekend's sales would be about 5 to 6 percent higher than last year. "It's a good start to the season. But where it goes from here remains to be seen."

The solid sales followed months of sluggish business for many retailers, but the Thanksgiving weekend receipts were the result of hard work by merchants. Faced with an overall drop in consumer spending, retailers began discounting earlier than usual and focused more on what they expected would be the hot items.

Sears, Roebuck and Co., for example, is holding its "Best Prices of the Season" campaign in early December, instead of after the holidays.

A combination of stock market volatility, high interest rates, and rising fuel prices have made consumers cut back on things they don't really need. Analysts say the unresolved presidential elec-



Pam Barnes, foreground, a cashier at Toys-R-Us, packs toys for holiday shoppers Friday in Hampton, Va.

tion also has contributed to shoppers' uncertainty.

Retailers are nervous about consumers like David Penner, a 58-year-old teacher from Andover, Mass., who plans to cut his holiday budget because he is spending \$100,000 in home renovations. They also want Eleanor Juick, 55, of Florham Park, N.J., who was just browsing Saturday at New Jersey's Short Hills Mall, to get excited about this year's chunky sweaters and leather

coats.

However, Jaick lamented: "There's nothing out there to buy in fashion."

Online business was strong during the weekend. Yahoo! Shopping saw twice as many transactions on Friday as a year ago, while Kmart's newly lauded Bright.com got an unexpected surprise with a 50 percent to 60 percent gain for the weekend, compared to last week-end.

The Friday after Thanksgiving, while seen as a barometer of consumers' willingness to spend for the holiday, isn't necessarily a good indicator of how retailers will perform for the entire season.

In the past few years, that Friday has accounted for less than 10 percent of holiday sales, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers. The week after Christmas is becoming more important.

Study: Web influences health decisions

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Elise Roelands wanted to find out why her husband had kidney stones and how he could avoid them, she searched health sites on the Internet rather than going to a doctor.

"I learned some of the new treatments, and I learned it wasn't as terrible as I thought," said the 26-year-old hospice volunteer from Silver Spring, Md., who valued the convenience of clicking on Web pages from her phone.

A new survey of Americans' use of the Internet shows that Roelands is hardly alone in her online quest for medical information. The survey, prepared by the Pew Internet and American Life Project, queried more than 12,000 people about their Internet habits in order to discover how the Internet has changed the way people make medical decisions.

"There's tons of anecdotal evidence about this, but this is the first time that anyone's quantified it," said Lee Rainie, director of the project and a co-author of the survey.

Rainie said most of those searching for health information online were seeking material for someone else.

Of those surveyed, 92 percent said their online search was useful and 81 percent said they learned something new. About 47 percent of those seeking help for themselves said the answers influenced their decisions about treatment, and 36 percent of people looking on behalf of others said the same.

But while several health-centric Web services — such as WebMD and DrKoop.com — have emerged to provide answers to health questions, Rainie said most of the people surveyed had a "scattershot searching activity" that brought them to many sites.

"The vast majority of people are doing health searches on their own," without help from advertisements, doctors, friends or anyone else, Rainie said. "They're going to search engines and just typing in words."

Rainie said information seekers most liked sites with broad search engines.

Many respondents were hesi-

tant about using credit cards online and worried about what others could do with their private medical information.

"Clearly, health material is some of the most precious and sensitive stuff that people want to keep private," Rainie said. "They express a generalized concern about Internet companies tracking their movements and then passing on the data."

About 69 percent of Internet users questioned said they were "very concerned" that a Web site might sell or give away information about their online activities, and 81 percent said they want to have the right to sue if a Web company violates its privacy policy.

The survey also found that 86 percent of health seekers are concerned about getting unreliable health information. Still, 64 percent of the respondents said they had never heard about the Web site they ended up consulting before they began their search.

Rainie said these people usually balance out that fear by going to multiple sites to double-check advice.

Actor faces drug possession charge

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. was arrested for drug possession nearly three months after being released from prison and relaunching his career, police said Sunday.

An anonymous caller led investigators to a resort hotel room Saturday night where they found the actor alone with cocaine and methamphetamine, Palm Springs police officer Ralph Landry said.

"He was conscious and conversed with the officers," Landry said. "He was very cooperative." Downey, 35, was arrested for drug possession, being under the influence of a controlled substance and committing a felony while free on bail, he said.

He was released Sunday on \$15,000 bail and is scheduled to appear in court within 30 days.

Landry said.

Telephone messages left by The Associated Press at his agent's offices were not immediately returned Sunday.

The actor told a judge last year that his drug addiction was "like I've got a shotgun in my mouth, with my finger on the trigger, and I like the taste of the gun metal."

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“I didn't dream, I didn't see anybody, no light at the end of the tunnel or nothing dramatic like you hear about. Nobody telling me to go back, none of my relatives who have passed being there to greet me. Nothing.”

—Former NBA guard Emmette Brown after suffering a heart attack and spending six days in a coma.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Which college football team holds the record for most consecutive victories?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys' basketball
Carey at Murtaugh, 4:30 p.m.
Rimrock at Glens Ferry, 4:30 p.m.
Bles at TFCA, 7:30 p.m.
ISDB at Richfield JV, 7:30 p.m.
High school girls' basketball
Carey at Murtaugh, 3 p.m.
Castelford at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
TFCA at Hansen, 6 p.m.
ISDB at Richfield JV, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Minico JV, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

American Legion meeting is today

American Legion baseball will be holding an organizational meeting regarding the 2001 state tournament tonight at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at Minico High School in room No. 11. For questions, please contact Russ Wright at 436-6875.

Montgomery breaks the bank at Skins Game

INDIO, Calif. — In a Skins Game largely devoid of any golfing drama, Colin Montgomerie won \$415,000 and the title by making two routine pars.

Playing the skins format for the first time, Montgomerie clinched it with a par-5 on the third playoff hole Sunday after defending champion and career Skins Game money-winner Fred Couples self-destructed in sand, brush, and finally water.

His other winning hole came a day earlier, when his par on No. 5 earned him the \$75,000 over the rest of the foursome had bogeys on the 249-yard par-3. Both Vijay Singh, the runner-up with \$260,000, and Sergio Garcia, who earned \$200,000, were eliminated on the first playoff hole Sunday.

Report: Beamer interested in UNC

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer seemed to inch a step closer to donning Carolina blue when he met with his Hokies assistant coaching staff Sunday and then apparently left for Chapel Hill, N.C., to meet with University of North Carolina officials.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Oklahoma with 47. The Sooners did not lose a game from 1953 to 1957.

HAN

Defending district champion Filer rebuilds, refocuses on returning to state

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

FILER — There's nothing more that Filer boys' basketball coach Bruce Lenington would like to add to the "tradition of champions" wall inside the Wildcat gym than a 2001 state championship banner.

But to achieve that lofty distinction, Lenington and his brain trust of assistants Ed Richards, Gary Moon, Jim Annala and Jim McLaughlin have to reorganize the house.

"We have to become a family," said Lenington, who enters his fourth year at the helm of the Filer program. "I'm not sure who we are yet."

The Wildcats are rebuilding from a successful 15-10 season that saw Filer win its first district championship in 11 years after an 0-3 start, thanks to a tight-knit group of seven seniors. Though the Wildcats bowed out after just two games at the state tournament, Lenington said the experience was a victory in itself.

"I learned a ton," Lenington said. "We have a joke around here that I tell my kids, 'I'm going to go (to state) every year, I just don't know if I'm going to take you or not.'"

All kidding aside, however, Lenington said the level of talent that Filer faced at the tournament — losing by six to Salmon and 42-41 to Kellogg — gave him the knowledge of where his Wildcats need to be.

"You cannot make mistakes and survive at state," he said. "Just the whole competitive

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High School Sports Previews

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Today: A-2 boys' basketball

Saintly position

New Orleans takes lead in NFC West

The Associated Press

Yes, THOSE Saints — who have never won a playoff game, are coming off a 3-13 season and have lost their starting quarterback and running back for the season.

New Orleans moved into a tie for first place in the division by beating the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams, who not too long ago were untouchable at home.

The Saints (8-4) were "3.5-point underdogs without injured stars Jeff Blake and Ricky Williams. The St. Louis Rams, meanwhile, have lost four of six games after a 6-0 start, and dropped three in a row at their Trans World Dome.

The Rams had won 14 straight at home, most of them blowouts, before the current skid, which includes setbacks to the Panthers and Redskins.

Chargers 17, Chiefs 16

Carney, who earlier this season became the first Chargers player to score 1,000 points, kicked the ball through the uprights, then leaped into the arms of holder Darren Bennett and head-butted his blockers.

When Chiefs QB Warren Moon's fourth-down pass sailed incomplete with 1:10 left, line-backer Junior Seau sank to his knees at midfield, before joining teammates in a hug.

The Chiefs (5-7) lost their fourth straight game.

NFL

Eagles 23, Redskins 20

Donovan McNabb scored on a 21-yard bootleg, scrambled 54 yards to set up the winning field goal, and completed passes to 10 receivers as Philadelphia (9-4) stayed atop the NFC East.

Washington (7-5) lost for the third time in four games and fumbled twice deep in its own territory to set up Philadelphia's touchdowns.

Ravens 44, Browns 7

Rookie Jamal Lewis ran for 170 yards and two touchdowns, and Trent Dilfer threw for two scores as Baltimore built a 24-point halftime lead and clinched its first winning season.

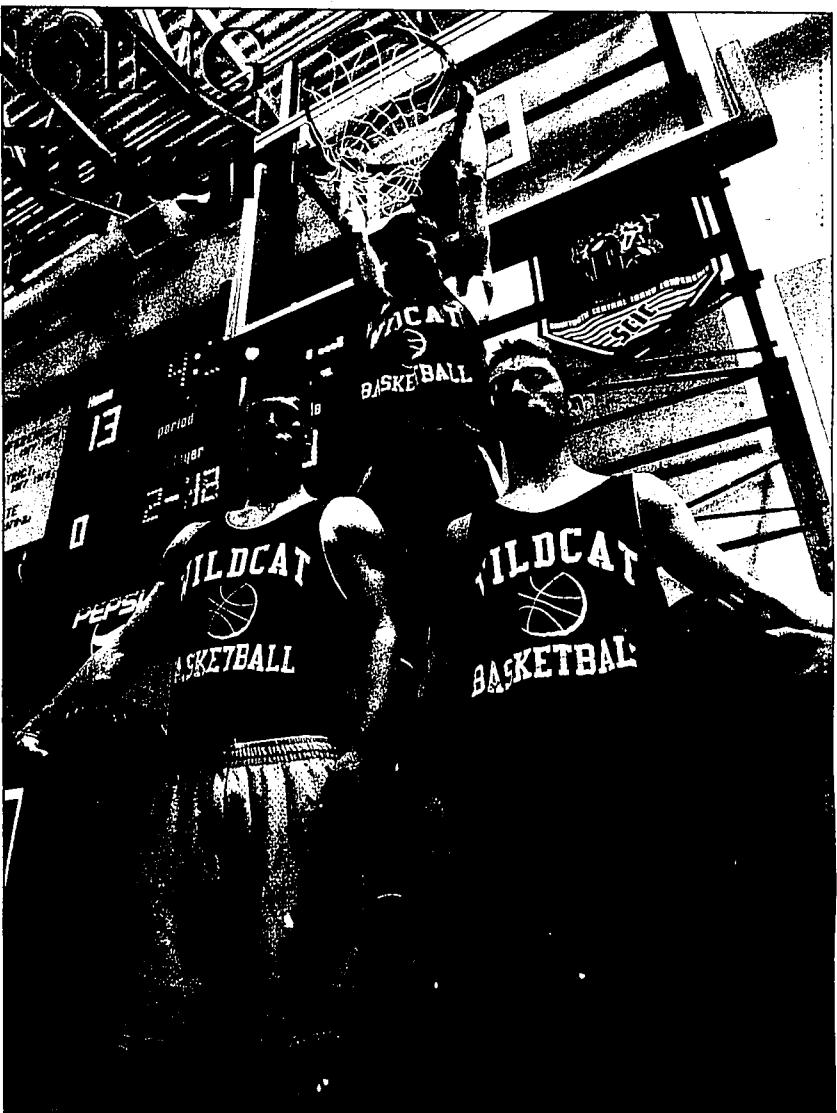
Baltimore (9-4) outgained Cleveland (3-10) 461-112 yards and have won four straight to equal a team mark.

Jets 17, Bears 10

New York (8-4) put together its second straight strong defensive effort, limiting Chicago (3-9) to 98 yards passing and forcing three fumbles by James Allen. Jets defensive end Shane Burton knocked down three passes, missing his season total to seven.

All the host Jets' scoring came in the first half. Rookie Anthony

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Hanging from the rim, Chase McLaughlin, with teammates Craig Gause, left, and Travis Hoffland, right, make up the three returning players from last season's Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference district champion Filer Wildcats squad. The Wildcats are looking to repeat their title feat after an 11-year absence at the top.

Hurricanes move closer to national championship game

The Associated Press

Oklahoma isn't such a solid No. 1 anymore.

The unbeaten Sooners maintained the top ranking in The Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday, but No. 2 Miami made a move upward by taking away first-place votes.

The Hurricanes (10-1) completed their regular season with a 52-6 rout of Boston College (6-5), while the Sooners hung on for a 12-7 win over Oklahoma State (3-8) on Saturday.

In addition to moving closer to the Sooners (11-0), the Hurricanes strengthened their lead over No. 3 Florida State (11-

Complete college polls — A-6

1) in balloting by the 71 sports writer and broadcasters on the AP panel.

Oklahoma received 64 first-place votes and 1,765 points, with Miami snaring six first-place votes and 1,696 points. Florida State, which completed its season last week, had one first-place vote and 1,640 points. The Sooners finish out next Saturday against Kansas State in the Big 12 title game.

For the past three polls, the Sooners had 70 first-place votes, the Seminoles one and the Hurricanes none. This is the first

time this season Miami has received votes for No. 1. Miami now trails Oklahoma by 69 points and leads Florida State by 56; last week the Hurricanes trailed the Sooners by 93 points and led the Seminoles by 36.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, the top three were Oklahoma, Miami and Florida State.

Miami's move in the AP poll is significant since it sets up the possibility of split national championships. If the Hurricanes fail to get into the Bowl Championship Series' title game — the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3 — they can still become national champions in

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Raptors lose Carter, beat Chicago

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Mark Jackson had a triple-double as the Toronto Raptors beat the Chicago Bulls 101-89 Sunday after losing NBA scoring leader Vince Carter to injury.

Toronto, which beat Chicago for the eighth straight time, played nearly the entire game without Carter. He strained his left quad in the first quarter.

Jackson had 11 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds, scoring his final two points on free throws with 8.4

NBA

seconds left. Rookie Morris Peterson had a season-high 18 points. Antonio Davis also had 18 points, while Charles Oakley and Kevin Willis each contributed 16.

Toronto won its third straight game, while Chicago, which received a season-high 31 points from Elton Brand, lost its eighth straight. Ron Artest had 20 points for the Bulls and Corey Benjamin had 14.

Grizzlies 98, Celtics 87

BOSTON — Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 27 points and 21 rebounds, and Mike Bibby scored 13 with 12 assists as Vancouver snapped a seven-game losing streak. The victory was Vancouver's first since Nov. 7.

Paul Pierce scored 27 points and Antoine Walker had 18 for Boston, which had its two-game winning streak snapped.

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First hat trick in Wild history lifts Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Antti Laaksonen recorded the first hat trick in Minnesota Wild history as his expansion team extended its unbeaten streak to four games with a 4-2 victory over the Vancouver Canucks Sunday.

Laaksonen scored the game's first two goals and added a third in the third period. Wes Walz also scored for the Wild.

Predators 7, Hurricanes 4

RALEIGH, N.C. — Randy Robitaille scored two goals during Nashville's four-goal first period as

Saints

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Brett caught a 2-yard touchdown pass from Vinny Testaverde following Allen's first fumble. John Hall made a 20-yard field goal after the second turnover, and Richie Anderson scored on a 15-yard reception 32 seconds before the break.

Bucs 31, Bills 17

Defensive tackle Warren Sapp challenged his teammates with critical comments about an up-and-down season, and Tampa Bay, at home, responded by stopping Buffalo's four-game winning streak.

Derrick Brooks had 19 unassisted tackles, and Warrick Dunn became the first runner to gain 100 yards on the Bills (7-5) this season, rushing for 106 and two touchdowns for the Bucs (7-5).

NHL

The Predators won their third straight and set a franchise record for goals in a game.

Patrick Kjellberg had the second three-point game of his career with a goal and two assists. Mike Watt, Greg Klassen, Greg Johnson and Scott Walker also scored for the Predators.

Kings 4, Bruins 4

BOSTON — Ziggy Palffy scored two Los Angeles goals and Andrei

Kovalevko countered with two for Boston.

Jamie Stortz (10-5-5) stopped 32 shots — including five in overtime — for the Kings, who are undefeated in their last five road games.

Boston stopped a four-game losing streak at home, with the Bruins having only won once in five games.

Peter Skudra (1-1-1) turned away 31 Los Angeles shots.

Coyotes 2, Flyers 1

PHILADELPHIA — London Wilson broke a third-period tie, and Sean Burke made 35 saves as

Phoenix beat Philadelphia.

The Flyers struggled offensively despite the return of John LeClair, who had back surgery five weeks ago. Jody Hull scored unassisted in the third period for the Flyers.

Rangers 3, Senators 2

NEW YORK — Sylvain Lefebvre, Mark Messier and Jan Hlavac scored as the New York Rangers snapped an eight-game winless streak against Ottawa.

Mike Richter made 30 saves for New York. Ottawa goalie Patrick Lalime stopped 27 shots.

Manning to his second-lowest yardage total, 209.

Jaguars 16, Titans 13

Johnnie Holts made a 38-yard field goal with no time left at Jacksonville (5-7) ended a three-game home losing slide against Tennessee (9-3). Titans kicker Al Del Greco missed a 28-yard attempt with 3:08 left.

Giants 31, Cardinals 7

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Nothing like a trip to the Southwest to cure whatever was ailing the New York Giants.

New York (8-4), in its most one-sided victory of the season, snapped a two-game skid and stayed a half-game behind first-place Philadelphia in the NFC East.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Johansson upsets Kafeinikov at Stockholm Open

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Thomas Johansson, playing flawlessly on a court where he is a club member, upset second-seeded Yevgeny Kafeinikov 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 Sunday to win the Stockholm Open for the first time.

The unseeded Swede completed a great run through the tournament in which he beat three compatriots — Thomas Enqvist, Jonas Bjorkman and top-seeded Magnus Norman — to reach the final.

Baddley makes golf history at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — This time, Aaron Baddeley can cash a check after his victory. The 19-year-old Aussie became only the second player in the 100-year history of the Australian Open to win the tournament one year as an amateur and the next as a pro. He shot a par-72 Sunday to finish at 10-under 278, giving him a two-stroke victory in only his sixth tournament as a professional and a winner's check of \$117,000.

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Jazz 94, Pistons 79

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Karl Malone scored 24 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter, as Utah won its third straight game.

The game was the 1,271st of John Stockton's career. Stockton broke

John Hamel's record for most games with one team. Stockton scored one point and 15 assists in 31 minutes for the Jazz.

Jerry Stackhouse led Detroit with 37 points. Joe Smith had 10 points and two rebounds in 17 minutes in his second game with the Pistons.

Miami

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the AP media poll, in which sports writers and broadcasters vote independently of the BCS. The coaches' poll would automatically crown the winner of the Orange Bowl.

Currently, Oklahoma and Florida State are 1-2 in the BCS standings, which uses the AP media poll and the coaches poll, eight computer

rankings and schedule strength to determine who plays in its title game. Miami was third and expected to remain there when the updated BCS standings are released today.

The last regular-season AP poll will be released next Sunday, as will the final BCS standings; the final AP poll will be Jan. 4.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct
Philadelphia	11	6	.646
New York	10	7	.588
New Jersey	7	10	.412
Washington	6	11	.353
Orlando	5	12	.294
Charlotte	4	13	.235
Atlanta	3	14	.176
Florida	2	15	.118
Indiana	1	16	.059
Washington	0	17	.000

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct
Utah	10	7	.588
San Antonio	9	8	.529
Los Angeles	8	9	.471
Phoenix	7	10	.412
Portland	6	11	.353
Golden State	5	12	.294
San Diego	4	13	.235
Memphis	3	14	.176
San Antonio	2	15	.118
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Today's Games

Time	Home	Away
7:00 PM	Philadelphia	Washington
7:00 PM	New York	Orlando
7:00 PM	New Jersey	Charlotte
7:00 PM	Washington	Atlanta
7:00 PM	Orlando	Florida
7:00 PM	Charlotte	Indiana
7:00 PM	Atlanta	Washington
7:00 PM	Florida	Indiana
7:00 PM	Indiana	Washington

Sunday's NBA Games

Time	Home	Away
12:00 PM	Philadelphia	Washington
12:00 PM	New York	Orlando
12:00 PM	New Jersey	Charlotte
12:00 PM	Washington	Atlanta
12:00 PM	Orlando	Florida
12:00 PM	Charlotte	Indiana
12:00 PM	Atlanta	Washington
12:00 PM	Florida	Indiana
12:00 PM	Indiana	Washington

How the Men's Top 25 fared

How the Men's Top 25 fared in the Associated Press poll released Sunday.

Rank	Team	W	L	Pct
1	Alabama	11	0	1.000
2	Georgia	10	1	.909
3	Florida	9	2	.818
4	Arkansas	8	3	.727
5	Michigan	7	4	.636
6	Ohio State	6	5	.545
7	Nebraska	5	6	.455
8	Illinois	4	7	.364
9	Washington	3	8	.273
10	Michigan State	2	9	.182
11	Georgia Tech	1	10	.091
12	Alabama	0	11	.000
13	Georgia	0	12	.000
14	Florida	0	13	.000
15	Arkansas	0	14	.000
16	Michigan	0	15	.000
17	Ohio State	0	16	.000
18	Nebraska	0	17	.000
19	Illinois	0	18	.000
20	Washington	0	19	.000
21	Michigan State	0	20	.000
22	Georgia Tech	0	21	.000
23	Alabama	0	22	.000
24	Georgia	0	23	.000
25	Florida	0	24	.000

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7	Nebraska	5	6	.455
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9	Washington	3	8	.273
10	Michigan State	2	9	.182
11	Georgia Tech	1	10	.091
12	Alabama	0	11	.000
13	Georgia	0	12	.000
14	Florida	0	13	.000
15	Arkansas	0	14	.000
16	Michigan	0	15	.000
17	Ohio State	0	16	.000
18	Nebraska	0	17	.000
19	Illinois	0	18	.000
20	Washington	0	19	.000
21	Michigan State	0	20	.000
22	Georgia Tech	0	21	.000
23	Alabama	0	22	.000
24	Georgia	0	23	.000
25	Florida	0	24	.000

Baseball

Major League Baseball

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BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Sizing up the SCIC

Teams look to seniors and young talent for success

The Times-News

Last season, no single team in the Class A-2 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference separated itself from the pack to make the impressive showing each deserved. Though eventually, Filer and Kimberly battled for the district crown, with the Wildcats finally claiming it after an 11-year absence. This year, parity may again reign, as all the schools in the league have athletic players, excellent coaches and a history of surprises.

While no one team stands out, leading the way could be Class A-2 rookie Declo, the consensus choice among the league's coaches. With an experienced backcourt in third-year varsity player and court general Tyler Heward (10.0 ppg and 5.6 apg) and plenty of size down low with 6-foot-7 senior Dillan Christensen and 6-3 forward Jacoby Fox (7.1 ppg), the Hornets will pose problems for many teams this year.

The Hornets' only concern will be its lack of depth, with three sophomores and junior Josh Boehler.

Defending district champion Filer has been well-stacked for many seasons, but this year is a little different. The Wildcats are rebuilding from the loss of seven seniors including starters Ben Allen, Brad Walker and Josh Prigmore.

But behind two returning varsity bookends, with experience at the post in 6-4 Chase McLaughlin and 6-3 Craig Gause, the Wildcats will have a balanced attack on offense and defense. Look for seniors Travis Hoffman (5-10), Skylar Richards (5-11) to help set up the offense with a variety of fresh faces and talent off the bench. The Wildcats may not be the tallest team on the floor this year, but

what they lack in height, they make up for in guts, savvy, instruction from fourth-year head coach Bruce Lenington, and now, experience as district champions. Don't be surprised if Filer is again on top this year.

Back for another run at the crown will be the always tough, always competitive, Kimberly Bulldogs. The team is loaded and ready to go with four-fifths of its starting team returning from a district runner-up team. Always a tenacious defensive team, this season's club also has good size. Three players stand 6-5 or better.

Leading the way down low will be 6-5 senior Cody Askew (5.0 ppg, 5.0 apg), 6-3 junior Matt Bulcher, the school's quarterback and part-time starter and bench players 6-3 junior Scott Schumhorst and 6-5 Cody Gibbons.

In the backcourt, look for quickness all over the floor, starting with 5-9 senior point guard Robbie Cain (8.0 ppg), whom coach Roger Keller is expecting big things from this season. J.J. Plew will get starting minutes at the wing. Off the bench, Keller can go either big or small, with seniors 6-1 Bryan Henry, 6-5 Danny Price or 5-4 Sean Egbert.

Either way, Keller has six seniors he can tap for leadership, and that alone will make Kimberly a force to reckon with this season.

Buhl comes out with some talent and seven seniors on its roster, but will need to work extra hard with its limited height. Returning starters and three-point lettermen Sean Van Elderen (6-3, sr.), Jeff Wolfe (6-0, sr.) and Ty Poppellwell (6-2, sr.) will lead the Indians, but success will be determined by how well the Indians can handle

the ball and execute their offense.

Two years ago, the Indians junior varsity squad went undefeated. Now many of those players are in coach Ed Finger's lineup. One can bet Finger will have his club playing hard and ready to go for the season.

Gooding and Wood River both sport solid work ethics and will field competitive teams because of it. Each, however, will have to find a way to compensate for size, as both are lacking height.

Second-year Senators coach Joe Messick's team has a great attitude and will look to seniors: 6-1 guard Brian Byrne (4.8 ppg, 4.2 apg) and 6-2 post Jared Wilkins for leadership. Gooding must also get a boost from juniors 6-1 Steve Anderson (6.0 ppg, 4.6 rpg) and 5-11 Seamus Campbell (6.4 ppg, 2.4 rpg) if the Senators are to challenge for the conference. But with the style of play that Gooding employs, the Senators will have chances to beat teams.

Second-year Wood River coach Jeff Larson says his Wolverines will need to focus on the fundamentals of the game to find success this season. The boys from Hailey have two returning starters back in 5-10 guard Sky Wolfe and 5-9 Vince Nagashima.

Wolfe, who can light it up from the outside, is a possible all-conference and all-state selection this season. But again, the lack of height is a concern, with only one player, junior Matt Beck, listed at 6-3 or better. Look for Wood River to run a three-guard set at times.

Overall, the SCIC season should be another exciting one, filled with last-second heroics and nail-biting intensity. Every year the SCIC is filled with surprises, it will be no exception.

A-2 Players to Watch

J.J. Plew, sr., Kimberly

A 6-1 senior post with speed (he also runs track), Plew averaged 5.95 ppg and 5.6 boards a night in 1999-00.

Robbie Cain, sr., Kimberly

A 5-11 guard, Cain is quick and shoots well. He averaged 7.2 ppg and 4.66 assists last year, and has seen substantial time since a late-sophomore-year varsity call-up.

Cody Askew, sr., Kimberly

Another athletic post for the Bulldogs, Askew averaged 4.6 ppg and 4.0 rpg last winter.

Ty Poppellwell, sr., Buhl

The 6-2 Poppellwell was routinely the Indians' leading scorer last year. He dumped in a team-high 15 points — with three 3-pointers — against Wood River in a 46-45 SCIC tourney loss that ended Buhl's 1999-00 season.

Sean Van Elderen, sr., Buhl

The 6-3 Van Elderen, who also excels at football and baseball, is a load down low for the Indians. Was usually the team's second-leading scorer.

Kyle Heward, sr., Declo

A 6-0 guard, Heward had 10.0 ppg, 5.6 assists and 2.1 steals a night last year.

Jacoby Fox, sr., Declo

A 6-3 forward who quarterbacked the Hornets into

the football playoffs this fall, Fox compiled a stat that made Loyd Garey smile last year — he prompted foes into 4.1 forced errors a game in 1999-00.

Craig Gause, sr., Filer

The Wildcats' 6-3 post saw some starting time last year. He'll be key in coach Bruce Lenington's plan to control the glass this winter.

Chase McLaughlin, sr., Filer

A 6-4 senior forward, McLaughlin figures to benefit from loads of offseason work, Lenington said.

Brian Byrne, sr., Gooding

Byrne had 4.8 ppg and a solid 4.2 assists per game in 1999-00. Team will need his scoring.

Steve Anderson, jr., Gooding

The Senators' 6-1 post racked up 6.0 ppg and 4.6 rpg last winter.

Seamus Campbell, jr., Gooding

Campbell, a 5-11 guard, averaged 6.4 ppg and 2.4 rpg last year.

Sky Wolfe, sr., Wood River

A 5-10 guard, Wolfe returns with a solid 12.4 scoring average from a year ago, and looks to be a leader for the Wolverines this season with 3.7 apg and 2.6 steals a night.

His 1.7 hits from beyond the arc per game may not sound like much, but they lead returning players in the SCIC.

Filer

Continued from A5

nature, and (every team) is a champion. But as soon as the ball dropped in our final game and the buzzer sounded, I was thinking about this year. I want to get back."

To do so, three seniors back from last year's varsity must lead the way. First, there's 6-foot-4 post Chase McLaughlin, who Lenington described as one of the team's most consistent scorers. On the wing, and a banger inside is 6-3 forward Craig Gause. ("Gause" started at times for us last year and he played more minutes when our starting post had foul problems," Lenington said. "He's very strong and quick."

McLaughlin said he thinks the Wildcats are better than people might think.

"I think we have a lot of talent this year," he said. "And I think if we keep improving in practice, we should be able to get back to shooting."

Travis Hoffman (5-10, sr.) will start at point guard for the Wildcats. He said the team just has to keep focused on improving itself.

"If we work hard, we should get back to state," Hoffman said.

But the experience level drops significantly with seven players new to the varsity level. Of that bunch, Lenington taps juniors Matt Severe (5-10), Danny Prigmore (5-10), Will Jaynes (6-2) and senior Skylar Richards (5-11) to contribute.

"I think we have the capability to be a fun team to watch," Lenington said. "We have a lot of kids that it's their first time they've ever played together, even though they've been in the program for a couple of years."

To get his team up and running, Lenington has scheduled a challenging pre-season. Though Filer opens with Valley on Tuesday, the Wildcats will face in no particular order: Defending Class A-2 state champion Snake River, a tough Middleton state qualifier Salmon and Shelley High.

"This was done on purpose," he said. "We want to play a great

schedule. It's important that we see those teams before we go to state."

Not to mention the high level of play Filer will face in the revamped Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference this season. Declo joins the fray, while Wendell drops to Class A-3.

"I know I picked Declo (to take the district)," Lenington said. "Gooding gave us tough games last year. Wood River has one of the best guards in the state in Sky Wolfe. Kimberly is just a good defensive team year in and year out and Buhl was undefeated as a junior varsity two years ago. But I think Declo has to be the favorite. Right now, if we were to play the district tournament, there's no doubt in my mind that they'd probably win. I'm just glad we don't play it until three months from now."

Lenington also described the great tradition of winning that

Declo carries, something he's trying to impress upon his young team to build on from last season's success.

"We're trying to work and build toward that," he said. "It's going to take us to accept some roles. All starts with having good players. You need kids who are teachable, who play hard and play for each other. But you also need kids who aren't playing for themselves or for mom and dad."

Lenington refers back to the "family" he wants at Filer. "I'm a firm believer that kids aren't going to slide over and take a charge or dive on the floor for a loose ball if they aren't doing it for their teammates," he said. "When that happens, their teammates are jumping off the bench or are running over and picking him up. It's that type of atmosphere that we're trying to create here. When we get that, we have a good chance to beat people."

Lenington, who was a regular on the sidelines during the summer sessions at the College of Southern Idaho, credits College of Southern Idaho coach Derek

Zeck for strategies and motivational tactics.

"CS's program has helped us here in Filer immensely," he said. "One of the bigger reasons that we shot 200 more free throws than our opponents last season was because of coach Zeck's defensive philosophies. I've thanked him for opening up his practices and his film sessions and his office to high school coaches like me."

Though Lenington does not expect his team to have that high of a disparity in foul shot opportunities this season, he does like his mix of players, who he said are the bottom line to any successful season.

"We should be more balanced than last year," he said. "I think we're a much better team outside this year. I think we've got some kids who can shoot it a little bit better. With our balance and also our inexperience, it's going to be an interesting combination."

Just as long as that combination doesn't become unloosed as a team.

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SCIC breakdown

A team-by-team look at the Class A-2 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference:

Buhl Indians

Coach: Edward Finger, fourth year
Assistants: Ryan Bowman, Ryan Bobo
1999-2000 record: 6-17
Key returners: Ty Popplewell, 6-2 sr.; Jeff Walker, 6-0 sr.; Sean Van Elderen, 6-3 sr.
Others to watch: Josh Villaro, 6-2 jr.; T.J. Cline, 6-0 sr.; Cody Chandler, 5-11 sr.; A.W. Wells, 5-11 jr.; Kris Sanchez, 6-0 sr.; Seth Mathews, 6-2 sr.
Outlook: The Indians look to the three returning varsity seniors, Ty Popplewell, Jeff Walker and Sean Van Elderen, for leadership going into the 2000-01 season.

Coach says: "This season we must improve ball-handling and scoring."

Opener: at Aberdeen, Thursday.

Declo Hornets

Coach: Loyd Garey, eighth year
Assistants: Denny Smyer, Val Christensen, Rob Meyer

1999-2000 record: 17-7
Key returners: Kyle Heward, 6-0 sr. G (10 ppg, 5.6 apg, 2.1 spg); Jacoby Fox, 6-3 F (7.1 ppg, 4.1 forced errors per game).

Others to watch: Dillian Christensen, 6-7 sr. P; Caleb Meyer, 6-2 sr. F; Marc Christensen, 5-10 so. G; Jordan Bagwell, 6-2 so. F; Josh Boehler, 6-2 jr. F/G; Billy Allphin, 6-2 so. F.

Outlook: In their first season at the A-2 level, the Hornets look to senior leadership, defense, outside shooting, a strong inside game and quickness to be competitive. Of concern this year is the number of young players on the bench and a lack of varsity playing experience.

Coach says: "We have two of the best defensive, full-court players around (in Fox and Heward). It is a special treat to watch them play defense."

Opener: Jerome at home, Tuesday.

Filer Wildcats

Coach: Bruce Lenington, fourth year
Assistants: Ed Richards, Gary Moon, Jim Annala, Jim McLaughlin

1999-2000 record: 15-10
Key returners: Chase McLaughlin, 6-4 sr. F; Craig Gause, 6-3, sr. P.

Others to watch: Travis Hofland, 5-10 sr. G; Matt Severe, 5-10 jr. G; Danny Prigmore, 5-10 jr. G; Skylar Richards, 5-11 sr. G; Paul McLaughlin, 6-1 so. F; Will Jaynes, 6-2 jr. F; Dusty ARnout, 5-10 jr. G; Tim Hughes, 6-2 jr. P; Caleb Drake, 6-1 jr. F.

Outlook: The Wildcats bring a more balanced inside-outside offensive attack to the floor this season, despite losing seven seniors from last year's championship team. Depth will also be a plus for Filer. Defense, offensive and defensive rebounding and leadership are areas of concern.

Coach says: "Filer should be competing for the district title again this season."

Opener: at Valley, Tuesday.

Gooding Senators

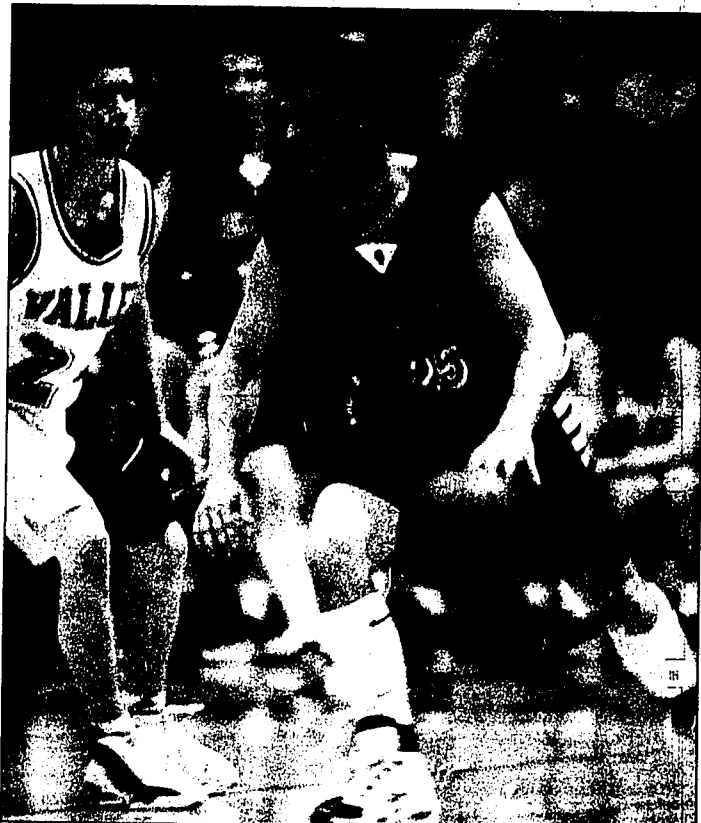
Coach: Joe Messick, second year
Assistants: Chris Comstock, Jeff LaCroix
1999-2000 record: 2-20

Key returners: Brian Byrne, 6-1 sr. G (4.8 ppg, 4.2 apg); Steve Anderson, 6-1 jr. P (6.0 ppg, 4.6 rpg); Seamus Campbell, 5-11 jr. G (6.4 ppg, 2.4 rpg).

Others to watch: Jarek Wilkins, 6-2 sr. P; Josh Goddard, 5-11 sr. G; Ryan Etchart, 5-11 sr.

Outlook: Strengths for the Senators this season will be perimeter play, senior leadership, work ethic and positive attitude, according to coach Messick.

Coach says: "I am concerned about our ability to



Declo's Kyle Heward, a 6-0 guard, averaged 10.0 points per game last year and will be instrumental in the Hornets' success this season.

rebound and our consistency on both ends of the floor."

Opener: at Shoshone, Friday.

Kimberly Bulldogs

Coach: Roger Keller, sixth year
Assistants: Kirby Bright, Brian Willford
1999-2000 record: 12-12

Key returners: Robbie Cain, 5-9 sr. G (8 ppg); Cody Askew, 6-5 sr. P (5 ppg, 5 rpg); Matt Bulcher, 6-3 jr. P; J.J. Plew, 6-1 sr. P (6 ppg).

Others to watch: Byran Henry, 6-1 sr. G; Cody Gibbon, 6-5 jr. P; Danny Price, 6-5 sr. G; Scott Schannhorst, 6-3 jr. P; Sean Egbert, 5-4 sr. G; Jake William, 5-10 jr. G.

Outlook: While the team is stacked with size, rebounding is a major concern on both sides of the court.

The defense also will need some improvement. A large concern is the fundamental lack of varsity experience.

Coach says: "I like this teams quickness and size. We have a lot of different combinations that I will feel comfortable putting on the floor. We have the

ability to score inside and out. We have experience at point guard which will help in getting into our offense and defense."

Opener: at American Falls, Friday.

Wood River Wolverines

Coach: Jeff Larson, second year
Assistants: Lane Kirkland, Sharon Castle, Scott McIlhenry

1999-2000 record: 8-15

Key returners: Sky Wolfe, 5-10 sr. G; Vince Nagashima, 5-9 jr. G.

Others to watch: J.T. Phillips, 6-1 sr. F; Adam Marcroft, 6-1 sr. F; Matt Beck, 6-3 jr. P; Tyler Metzel, 5-10 sr. G; John Reese, 6-1 sr. F; Cole Everman, 6-0 jr. F.

Outlook: With only two returning starters, the Wolves will be looking to work on fundamentals and rebuild a team.

Coach says: "We have a group of guys who are unselfish and have developed a positive attitude and work ethic. We will need to focus on the little things. We will need to commit to making rebounding a priority."

Opener: Glenns Ferry at home, Thursday.

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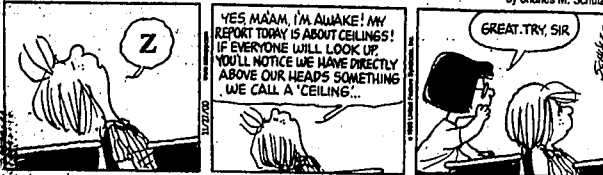
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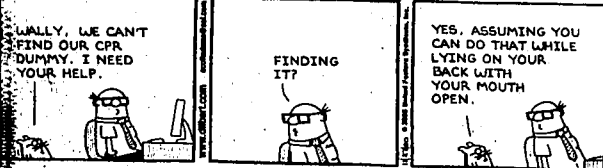
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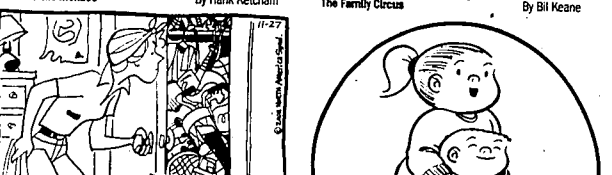
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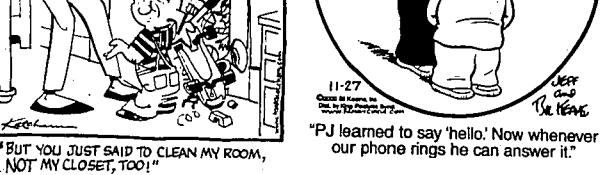
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OTHER VIEWS

Getting angry at the Nobel Peace Prize

From The Salt Lake Tribune

Alfred Nobel's will specified that the Peace Prize go to someone who "shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace conferences."

That Stanley Williams, a quadruple murderer on death row in California's San Quentin Prison, is under consideration for the prize shows just how far the committee has strayed from Nobel's original vision. Today's Peace Prize could just as well be renamed the Prize to Publicize Left-Wing Causes.

Williams, co-founder of the murderous Crips street gang, was sentenced to death in 1981. In the past four years he has written a few hard-edged children's books and begun an Internet project that allows at-risk youths in California and South Africa to share experiences via chat rooms and e-mail. It's a commendable effort, but not exactly peace in the Middle East. It doesn't even come close to making up for his killings and the thousands of others carried out by his gang.

An anti-death penalty crusader, however, told a like-minded member of the Swiss Parliament about Williams, and the lawmaker made the nomination. Now the pair will try to parley the publicity into a commutation or even a

pardon for Williams, who, they will point out, hasn't killed a soul in nearly 20 years.

Williams might seem a long shot to win the \$1 million prize, but it wouldn't be the first time the committee used the honor to spotlight a cause. In 1989 it honored the Dalai Lama to highlight Chinese oppression in the

Buddhist leader's

homeland of Tibet.

In 1991, it picked

Aung San Suu Kyi,

an opposition leader

in Burma, to

focus attention on

the country's oppressive leadership. It

gave the prize to a Guatemalan Indian

in 1992 to publicize his civil rights

fight against the government, and in

1995 it honored an anti-nuke crusader.

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That has a nice ring to it. Maybe the

Nobel committee can engrave it on his

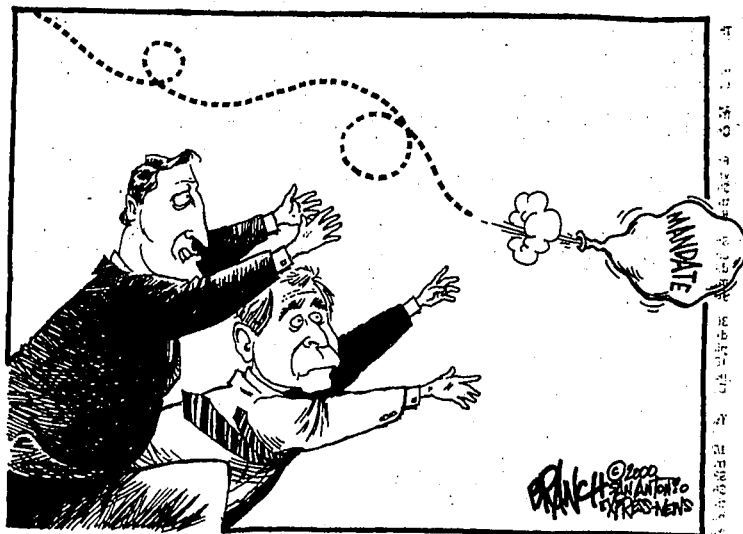
prize.

Why is a quadruple murderer on death row a finalist for the Nobel Peace Prize?

the country's oppressive leadership. It gave the prize to a Guatemalan Indian in 1992 to publicize his civil rights fight against the government, and in 1995 it honored an anti-nuke crusader. None was particularly successful, and their efforts weren't directed toward "fraternity between nations," but the Nobel committee lately has not been focused on results. The Peace Prize gave cachet to the cause, which seems to have been the committee's main goal in the past few years.

So if the Nobel voters have been waiting for a chance to direct the world's attention on America's system of capital punishment, Williams could win. As unlikely a candidate as he seems, he might be the most virtuous quadruple murderer America has to offer right now.

That has a nice ring to it. Maybe the Nobel committee can engrave it on his prize.



LETTERS

Home schooling works

In response to Peggy Obermiller's letter, "Idaho needs to rethink laws," I'd like to share information about who home educates their children and some statistics as a result of home schooling.

Who is responsible for the education of a child in Idaho? Idaho code Title 33, Section 202 "The parent or guardian." Thus, Mrs. Obermiller, the responsibility to educate your children is yours, and if you are not competent to do this, then you must enroll them in a private or government school.

You don't see why Idaho law allows parents to teach their children without a degree. Would a degree prove that parents are competent to teach their children? Does certification prove that public school teachers are competent to teach? Don't sell yourself short, Mrs. Obermiller, as a parent-teacher. You taught your children how to bathe themselves, buckle their seat belts, colors, shapes, the alphabet and so on. In home schooling, the learning simply continues and is not delegated to others.

Many home schooling families administer standardized tests. In general, children who are taught by their parents score above the national averages. Standardized test results are compared each year between public and home-educated students. In 1999, home school students in Idaho scored in the 78th percentile while public school students scored in the 55th percentile.

How will my children do in the "real world"? They are certainly not isolated from social and group activities. They are quite involved in church activities, jobs, sports, summer camps, drama productions, community service projects and music lessons and recitals.

Studies reveal that home school parents have more formal education than the general population, with 88 percent having continued their education beyond high school compared to 50 percent for the nation as a whole. The overwhelming majority of home school parents are married couples (97.3 percent) compared to 72 percent of families with school-age children nationwide. Without a doubt, home-educated students are doing extremely well. Why? Home school students typically come from families where marriages are intact and dedication to education is strong. Home schooling, by its very nature, is practiced in families where parents are strongly motivated. Without criticizing other forms of education, it is only safe and fair to conclude that home education works well for those who choose it.

In closing, Mrs. Obermiller, it is a pleasure and an honor to home educate our three boys, ages 12 to 16.
DEBBIE JOHNSTONE
Jerome

Why not give other states grizzlies?

Well, here we go again, first wolves, now grizzlies. Now don't get me wrong, I'm not against the basic principal of species reintroduction, but why do the people of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming get to have all the fun?

The Sierra Nevada Mountains of California and Nevada are historic habitat for bears and wolves. Let's put 50 or 60 grizzlies up and down the range and throw in a few packs of wolves. Don't forget Yosemite National Park. I'm sure the good citizens of those states won't mind. Washington and Oregon have lots of roadless coniferous forest areas, let's include them. New Mexico, heck, even Texas had bears and wolves; they're trying with the wolves, but I think some grizzlies would look good down there.

I'm sure Possible Pres Bush would be supportive. Let's not ignore Utah and Colorado; the Rockies have always been a favorite place for bears and wolves. I'm sure the campers there wouldn't mind seeing a grizzly out the trailer house window every so often, and there's nothing quite like the feeling you get when you can't find Fido but there's plenty of wolf tracks in the vicinity.

While I'm on the subject, I've heard that the whitetail deer population is exploding in the east and southeastern United States. What better way to control it than, you guessed it, wolves! A few strategically placed packs of wolves in the Appalachian Mountains, Blue Mountains and all along the eastern hardwood forests. I'm positive Almost Pres Al Gore would be a staunch supporter; Teddy K. would be right there, too.

All this trying to say is that this is a democratic country and all the citizens should be able to go out and see a wolf or a bear in their own neck of the woods. Thanks for listening.
DENIS BRAUER
Twin Falls

Airport manager did great job

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. David Allen for his great tenure as manager of our cherished airport, Joslin Field. The before and after pictures are proof of his great leadership.

We wish the best for him and extend our thanks to him for all the improvements he helped bring to our airport over the years. I know he will be missed in this community.
Best of luck, David.
TRENT LAMARCHE
Twin Falls

Get your facts straight, T-N

Regarding the article on Page B-4 of the Nov. 21 issue of The Times-News, it

states in the final paragraph that the airplane weighs 2,000 tons. Sorry, but it does not. Two thousand tons, by my calculations, comes to 4 million pounds—a bit much by a factor of 10. You do not have to be an aviation buff or expert to realize that 2,000 tons is way off the mark. A Boeing 747, although not the largest aircraft in the world, weighs in at something less than 1 million pounds. The largest aircraft, a Russian AN 225 cargo plane weighs in at around 1,320,000 pounds. Try 200 tons or 400,000 pounds for Howard Hughes' airplane. It had a larger wingpan and greater wing surface, but it weighed less than the AN 225 could carry in payload.

This is just another example of the poor reporting, spelling, grammar and journalism of your publication. Granted, the dateline was Portland, and it was an Associated Press release, but it looks like you would employ some editorial scrutiny. Once again, I implore you to hire a proof reader. You have a responsibility to use correct punctuation, spelling and grammar, and to report accurately. I will not address the fairness issue, because it is entirely too much to hope for in your paper.

RON WEINERT
Buhl
(Editor's note: The Associated Press article incorrectly stated the weight of the airplane. According to the IFA's Hughes Flying Boat official website, the plane's gross weight is 300,000 pounds, or 150 tons.)

Use surplus to cut fuel tax

I have a solution as to what to do with the excess tax money in this state — cut the fuel tax down so fuel prices compare to the majority of the other states and eliminate the tax on food. Other states do it, why can't Idaho?

On a recent trip to the Midwest, I found that as soon as you get across the Idaho border into Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, fuel prices drop by 25 to 30 cents per gallon. Either our state's fuel tax is way too high or our legislators are allowing the fuel companies to gouge us really bad.

Remember when fuel prices first started to rise, our governor and the other legislators made suggestions as to cutting taxes on food. Seems as that idea fell by the wayside. Now that the prices went up another 30 to 40 cents, nothing more has been said as everyone has just seemed to accept the rip-off. I would suggest that our legislators get busy to remedy this problem or we need to get some new ones.

I am also aware that Minnesota and many other states do not have a tax on food. Seems that Idaho could get along with that same program.
GARY HUNTINGTON
Buhl

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LETTERS

Thanks for trying, Al Lance

A big thank you to Attorney General Al Lance and to his staff for your attempt to get legislation to protect the people of Idaho from big banking; however, the interim committee decided not to go ahead with legislation requiring consumer consent before confidential financial information may be sold. What a shame that the big banks are able to do this!

Where is the common sense of our Legislature to allow this to happen? U.S. Bank sold our names for more than a million dollars, and there are other businesses doing the same thing, and they can do this legally! They sell our names, account numbers, credit rating, loan information and even how much money we have in the bank to these people, and they call this personal banking!

Our attorney general tried to get this stopped. He reminded me that it took two years to get legislation to stop telemarketers from calling. Our Legislature once again caved in to the money lobbyists of big banks and telemarketing companies and, in their infinite wisdom, decided to let the banks sell our names to some underhanded people who at times don't even bother to call, just bill your credit card big money for some service you didn't even know was available. Nice!

Folks, you really need to watch your credit card bills; some company may just put a charge on it without your permission or knowledge until the bill comes in. In my case, that was \$96. You say that's nothing; well take that figure times the number of us who have bank accounts, and that figure could grow to multimillions of dollars very fast!

Call your state representative and tell our Legislature that we need this protection from the big banks, and show your support to our attorney general who is watching out for our rights to keep confidential financial information confidential

in Idaho. It is truly sad when we can no longer trust our banker for good advice or to guard our financial information. He truly is giving us a black eye as payment for our years of trust. We are only numbers to them folks. Think about it, doctors and lawyers can't give out our information let alone sell it, but the banker can? How bad is that!

J.B. KNUDSEN
Jerome

Keep it up, volunteers

"Love, honor and obey." The words have been replaced in our current currencies and yet, a majority of the families in our nation today are dealing with domestic violence. Our current system has few options to offer to the victims of domestic violence. I find these facts disturbing.

Sex houses and counseling have been made available by many volunteers for these victims of domestic violence. Although the success rate is rather low, I still have to say "job well done" to these volunteers. Keep up the good work, and I hope our system will eventually offer more support to increase these odds.

FRED MAYER
Glenns Ferry

Just call Gore "AHHABA"

I have thought of referring to Al Gore as "The Grinch who is Trying to Steal the White House."

However, after listening to the TV about how he is using the All-Democratic Florida Supreme Court and most of the Florida judicial system as well as manipulating Florida state laws to justify manual recounts as well as changing all spoiled ballots and counting pimplies, I think a better terminology would be to call him "Alibaba and his 40 (or more) thieves."

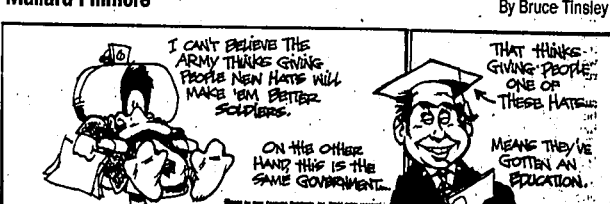
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FOR THE RECORD

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included:

Misdemeanor sentencing
City of Twin Falls

Arthur G.D. Hall, 42, 809 Eastland, Twin Falls; reckless driving; pleaded guilty; \$25 fine; \$63.50 court costs; five days' jail time; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Travis Judd Gulick, 19, 377 Shop, Twin Falls; battery; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; five days' jail time, suspended; six months' probation; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Michael Allan Peterson, 46, 3077 Dickson Ave., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; six days' jail time; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Twin Falls County

Michael Shawn Davis, 21, 610 1/2 Adel, Filer; possession of controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$30 fine, with \$150 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; 30 days' jail time, suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge John Melanson.

Felony sentencing

Twin Falls County

Scott Lee Beede, 19, 942 Fair St., Buhl; burglary; pleaded guilty; \$750 fine; \$17.50 court costs; \$350 public defender fee; four years' penitentiary, two years' indeterminate, two years' probation; shall not possess any drugs or alcohol; shall have no association with anyone on probation; District Judge Roger Burdick. Michael Lynn Ray, 28, 461 14th St., No. 18, Heyburn; forgery; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine; \$17.50 court costs; \$350 public defender fee; District Judge Roger Burdick. Nathan Jay Mills, 29, 726 E. 400 S., Jerome; failure to give immediate notice of accident; pleaded guilty; \$17.50 court costs; two years' probation; six months' jail, three months suspended; shall not possess any drugs or alcohol; shall submit to

search and seizure; District Judge Daniel Meehl. Thomas Edward Livingston, 45, 206 Lois, Twin Falls; burglary; pleaded guilty; \$17.50 court costs; 10 years' penitentiary time, five years' indeterminate; District Judge Daniel Meehl. Jerrett Larry Porter, 21, 3593 S. 1500 E., Wendell; possession of controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$17.50 court costs; five years' penitentiary time, three years' indeterminate, two years' indeterminate; District Judge Daniel Meehl.

Juvenile appearances

David Phillips, 16, 560 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; possession of a weapon on school property; public defender appointed; pretrial Dec. 12, released to parents in lieu of detention agreement, under strict house arrest. Michael Rendall, 15, 344 Adams, Twin Falls; possession of a weapon on school property; pleaded guilty; released to parents in lieu of detention agreement, under strict house arrest. Kristina Bailey, 17, 142 Sixth Ave. N., Twin Falls; battery; public defender appointed; pretrial Dec. 8; in custody of juvenile detention center.

Juvenile sentencing

Justin Smith, 17, 507 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls; count 1, battery; count 2, petty theft; pleaded guilty; 120 days' detention, with 48 suspended; Magistrate Judge John Varin. Robert Wengert, 16, 3355 E. 2400 N., Kimberly; malicious injury to property; pleaded guilty; 90 days' detention, 10 days discretionary, 30 days suspended; six months' probation; 20 hours' community service; shall submit to search and seizure; no association with anyone on probation; shall not possess or use drug, alcohol or any other intoxicating substances; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Civil filing

Citibank vs. Geryalyn Q. Cranston. Seeking judgment against the defendant for count 1, \$1,355.99, with interest; count 2, \$1,898.49, with interest; attorney's fees; costs and such other relief as appears just. The defendant has failed or refused to make any payments on an account, the lawsuit says.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Kurt D. Huddleston. Seeking \$741 monthly support; \$330 attorneys' fees and costs. State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Daryn Dean Moffitt. Seeking \$187 monthly support, plus 45 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorneys' fees and costs. State of Idaho, Child Support Services vs. Jeremy A. Essig. Seeking \$167 monthly support; \$330 attorneys' fees and costs.

Divorces

David Machacek vs. Wandalyne Machacek. Joseph Thompson vs. Jennifer Sue Thompson. Phillip A. Warren vs. Sherland Warren.

Misdemeanor dismissals

City of Twin Falls

Ellen T. Feusahrens, 17, 664 Cherokee Lane, Twin Falls; failure to stop at stop sign; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Twin Falls County

Douglas Edward Johnson, 22, 678 Bolton, Twin Falls; fleeing or eluding officers; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback. Jeremy D. Sator, 29, 991 N. 1251 E., Richfield; battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman.

Felony dismissals

Twin Falls County

Thomas Jose Angel Cuellar, 27, 189 Washington St. N., Twin Falls; possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy. Odilon H. Gard, 17, 604 W. Ave. E., Jerome; aiding or abetting in a burglary; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy. Marshall C. Hunter, 52, 202 Falls W., No. 8, Twin Falls; aggravated battery; dismissed by prosecutor;

Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy. Russell Jay Wageman, 19, 202 Falls Ave., No. 6, Twin Falls; burglary; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy. Phillip Prior, 24, 158 Blake St., Twin Falls; battery with intent to commit a serious felony; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy.

Arraignments

TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th Judicial District Magistrate Court in Twin Falls included the following arraignments:

Martin Maqueda Jr., 30, 299 W. Addison Ave., Twin Falls; battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed.

Bryan G. Neal, 30, 657 Locust St., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, failure to purchase a driver's license; public defender appointed; hearing continued.

Shawn Levi Elwood, 23, 21236 Highway 30, Filer; invalid driver's license; failure to appear on a misdemeanor citation; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; warrant quashed and withdrawn.

Opal, No. 32, Potomac; drug trafficking-methamphetamine; public defender appointed; no plea entered; \$10,000 bond.

Lanny Johnson, 48, Twin Falls; address not listed; low conduct with a minor child under 16, five counts; private counsel hired; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 1; \$25,000 bond.

Dani Lynn Campbell, 36, 708 Washington St. South, Twin Falls; battery; pleaded innocent; public

defender appointed.

Cassia County

BURLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Drunken-driving dismissal

David Garcia, 37, 1981 Hillcrest, B-1, Burley; misdemeanor; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Drunken-driving sentencing

Antonio Rodriguez Vasquez, 43, 560 Normal, Burley; felony, amended to misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 10 days in jail, one year's probation; 180-day driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Michael Ray Mullen, 43, 113 S. 100 W., Rupert; excessive misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine, \$78.50 court costs; 180 days in jail, 170 suspended; six months' probation; one-year driver's license suspension; time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Felony dismissal

Stacey Tanner Keller, 26, 1243 Normal Ave., Burley; possession of a controlled substance; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Minidoka County

RUPERT - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included:

Drunken-driving dismissal

Sylvia Ponce, 35, 205 S. Fifth

St., Rupert; misdemeanor; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Drunken-driving sentencing

Joseph Wayne Trau, 22, 389 S. 100 E., Rupert; misdemeanor; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$113.50 court costs; 30 days in jail, 28 suspended; one year's probation, 90-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.






Felony sentencing

Billy Peralaz, 21, 12082 Jody Drive, Boise; theft by receiving stolen property; pleaded guilty; \$88.50 court costs; 30 days in jail, five years' probation; two years' indeterminate penitentiary time, suspended; five years' indeterminate penitentiary time, suspended; District Judge J. William Hart.

Thomas Leroy Driesel, 23, 504 S. C St., Rupert; probation violation; pleaded guilty; probation revoked, remainder of sentence imposed; District Judge J. William Hart.

Johnny Scott Graff, 27, 1354 Washington St. S., No. 63, Twin Falls; probation violation; pleaded guilty; \$76.50 court costs, 180 days in jail, reinstated for balance of three years' probation; District Judge J. William Hart.

Ruben M. Sanchez, 24, 541 W. 400 S., Heyburn; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty; \$88.50 court costs; \$250 defender fees; five years' probation; two years' indeterminate penitentiary time, suspended; five years' indeterminate penitentiary time, suspended; District Judge J. William Hart.

				
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Study: Wolves may not cause as many problems as believed

AGASSIZ WILDLIFE REFUGE, Minn. (AP) - An intensive study of wolf packs on this 61,500-acre Minnesota wildlife refuge suggests that wolves kill less livestock than was first believed, and are more adaptable to living near humans.

"One of the most intriguing fact about the Agassiz wolves is that the population has shown resilience to detrimental factors such as disease and human persecution," said Andreas Chavez, a wildlife ecology graduate student from Utah State, who conducted the study with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Surrounded by agricultural land including 25 ranches, some neighbors feared for the safety of their livestock when wolves migrated back into the area about 1980 after being absent for about half a century. But in the past decade, local residents have reported only 11 wolf attacks on livestock, including five kills during the two-year study.

That was despite regular wolf trips near livestock from mid-April through mid-November, the time when farm animals typically are more vulnerable because they are in pastures instead of in or close to a barn.

The study didn't take into account that some livestock simply disappeared during that time. And occasionally, wolves scavenged on already-dead livestock. But tests on wolf feces showed deer was their overwhelming food source.

From 1997 to 2000, the number of packs on the refuge has fluctuated between one and three, with a total of 12 to 21 wolves. At least seven wolves died of mange and 10 were killed either legally or illegally by humans. Five were trapped after livestock kills, four were illegally shot and one was run over by a motorist.

"The Agassiz wolves have for sure taken some of this beating, but despite this they continue to have a foothold," Chavez said. "The refuge literally serves as a refuge for them."

Much of the wolf observation was done from a hand-built brown and white blind on the edge of a grass field on the refuge. Chavez spent so much time with the animals that they would respond to his howls.



Gary Huschle, wildlife biologist at the Agassiz Wildlife Refuge in Minnesota, checks for signals of radio-collared wolves in this July file photo.

One of the wolves' favorite adventures is to follow a tractor through the field, pointing on mice and other varmints that scurry from under chunks of black dirt as the machine approaches.

"I think people have had this idea that wolves are a wilderness creature," Chavez said. "They are very adaptable and opportunistic. They are able to tolerate living near people."

In North America, wolves had until recently been limited to heavily wooded, lightly populated areas like the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in northeastern Minnesota. Major wolf studies have been done in the BWCA, tracking the wolves mainly by airplane. At Agassiz, they were tracked 24 hours a day - primarily by truck.

"We found that during the day, they could be bedded in people's back yards," Chavez said. "They're not just restricted to the refuge."

Biologists spotted wolves in the Agassiz area in 1981 for the first time since the 1930s or 1940s. They'd been keeping a curious eye on the packs ever since, but weren't able to track the animals until a grant came through in 1998.

During the spring, summer and fall of 1998 and 1999, they tracked seven radio-collared adult wolves that lived in and around Agassiz. The animals spent about 90 percent of their time on the refuge and adjacent state Wildlife Management Areas and the rest of the time wandering around neighboring farms and other areas. The home ranges were about 56 miles for one of the packs and 87 miles for the other.

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WORLD

Yugoslav tanks near Kosovo border

BUJANOVAC, Yugoslavia (AP) — Yugoslav's army sent tanks and reinforcements near the NATO-patrolled boundary with Kosovo on Sunday, one day before Yugoslavia's deadline for NATO to crack down on ethnic Albanian militants whose attacks have inflamed the region.

Kosovo is a province of Serbia, Yugoslavia's main republic, but it has been under international control since last year and many residents want full independence. In the three-mile buffer zone between central Serbia and Kosovo, attacks by independence-minded militants last week left at least four Serb policemen dead.

Yugoslav authorities set a Monday afternoon deadline for NATO to clear out the militants from the boundary region. They have threatened to launch counterattacks after the deadline passes.

In Kosovo, the local TV station reported that one ethnic Albanian fighter was wounded in the contested area Sunday, but gave no further details. The ethnic Albanians declared their own unilateral cease-fire Friday, but it



A Serbian policeman observes the road to Kosovo from a local garden decoration workshop in the village of Lucani, in the 4-mile-wide buffer zone between Kosovo and Serbia, Saturday.

expires at midnight Sunday. The crisis erupted last week when militants believed to be operating from heavily ethnic Albanian Kosovo killed the Serb

policemen and seized key positions just across the boundary from the NATO-patrolled province. On Sunday, about 500 civilians

from the contested area crossed the border into Macedonia to avoid any new fighting, the government TV station in the neighboring country reported.

The new conflict between Serbs and ethnic Albanians has provoked a major crisis for the new government of President Vojislav Kostunica, which took power last month after the collapse of Slobodan Milosevic.

The offensive could undermine Kostunica's rule by portraying him as incapable of dealing with ethnic Albanian extremists. However, if Serb police fight back with massive force, they risk a serious incident with NATO.

The crisis has also cast doubt on NATO's ability to control Kosovo, which the Yugoslav authorities believe was used as a staging area for the ethnic Albanian attacks.

Kostunica said Sunday on national television that the NATO-led Kosovo Force, or KFOR, bears a responsibility to curb the militants because "they excluded the Yugoslav army" from Kosovo "and limited our police to carrying only light weapons."

Yemeni officials prepare to charge Cole suspects

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni investigators are ready to charge at least two people in the apparent terrorist attack on the USS Cole, a source said Sunday, six weeks after an explosion tore through the warship as it sat in Aden's harbor. Charges are expected to be filed as soon as this week against the two suspects, the source said. They could be sentenced to death if convicted.

But any charges are unlikely to mean the end of the probe: U.S. investigators suspect an international conspiracy was behind the bombing.

Seventeen U.S. sailors were killed and 39 more injured on Oct. 12, when two suicide bombers steered a small boat laden with explosives alongside the Cole and detonated it while the destroyer was refueling. U.S. and Yemeni officials have said the attack appeared to be a carefully planned, well-financed operation, and the bomb materials were expertly prepared.

The Yemeni source close to the

investigation would not identify the two men he described as main suspects about to be charged. But last week, other sources said authorities had detained six Yemeni men they believed were key accomplices — including one who was allegedly in charge of the operation in Yemen.

American officials have said they believe the operation was carried out by a network of small cells of two or three people, probably from one or more anti-American Islamist organizations, including Yemen's Islamic Jihad, Egypt's al-Gamaa al-Islamiya and Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden's followers.

Bin Laden, an exiled Saudi millionaire, lives in Afghanistan. U.S. officials believe he ordered the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people.

Officials have suggested that the Cole attackers were from various Arab countries, including Yemen, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia, and they may be operating from both Afghanistan and Yemen.

Fear, apathy mar Haitian presidential election

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Fear, apathy, violence and an opposition boycott marred Haiti's presidential election Sunday in a vote expected to restore former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who opponents charge will install a new dictatorship.

Defying widespread cynicism and suspicions about his intentions, Aristide, a former priest, urged Haitians to head to the polls.

"After 20 years of political and economic violence, we have decided to choose peace," Aristide said in a radio message. "Too much misery, too much insecurity, too much bloodshed. Enough is enough."

Despite such words, violence continued: a homemade bomb exploded in a market in the densely populated suburb of Carrefour shortly after polls opened, slightly injuring one man. Another went off near an electoral office outside Port-au-Prince, but did not cause injuries.

Two pipe bombs exploded in the capital last week, killing two children. Aristide blamed the bombs on opponents, who he said were trying to "block the elections."

Opposition leaders say the pro-Aristide government of President Rene Preval staged the attacks to justify an expected low voter turnout.

Canadians take to polls in early election

OTTAWA — Canadians return to the voting booth today for the third time in seven years to decide whether to give Prime Minister Jean Chretien's Liberal Party what could become the longest hold on power here in half a century.

The early election called by Chretien — just 3.5 years into his second five-year term — was a political gamble, but one that appears likely to pay off.

Chretien's Liberals registered from 39 to 45 percent support in the latest polls, giving them a lead of anywhere from 12 to 17 points over the opposition Canadian Alliance. Three other major parties were well back.

The poll numbers translate to a likely third straight majority in parliament for the Liberals and Chretien. Another five-year term would end in 2005, giving the Liberals 12 straight years in power, the longest stretch since they achieved a similar run under Mackenzie King during the World War II era.

But the regional nature of Canadian politics, and a possible backlash against Chretien for calling the election so early, mean a Liberal majority is not assured in the 301-seat House of Commons. The largest party in the chamber forms the government, while a majority victory permits it to legislate unaided.

Swiss overwhelmingly reject army cutback

GENEVA — Swiss voters pledged resounding support to their citizen army on Sunday, throwing out a left-of-center attempt to slash military spending in the neutral Alpine nation.

The people want an army, a real army," rejoiced President Adolf Ogi, who also is the country's defense minister. "The people don't want half-measures, either with the army or national security policy."

Some 1.1 million voters, or 62 percent, rejected the proposal to cut military spending and use the funds for social programs. Only 722,797 people, or nearly 38 per-

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cent, voted in favor.

Barbara Haering, a Socialist member of Parliament and president of the group that proposed the military cut, said she was disappointed by the result but claimed the initiative "had raised public awareness" about the cost of the military.

Exit polls give former

communist lead in Romania

BUCHAREST, Romania — A former communist who said he would slow Romania's move toward a Western-style market economy emerged strongest Sunday in presidential elections, while his party did best in the race for parliament, exit polls showed.

Ion Iliescu, a past president, was leading with 36.5 percent of the vote, exit polls from Sunday's presidential and parliamentary elections showed. Ultranationalist Corneliu Vadim Tudor was second with 27.9 percent, the polls indicated.

The results were based on 23,000 people questioned as they finished voting. They were conducted by the IMAS polling institute.

They also showed Iliescu's Social Democracy Party with 39.6 percent in the bicameral parliament and Tudor's Greater Romania Party second with 22.5 percent.

With no candidate capturing at least 50 percent of the total 17.7 million votes possible, the two

best placers will advance to a presidential runoff Dec. 10.

Pope urges Catholics to get more involved

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II Sunday urged lay Catholics to play active roles in meeting modern challenges such as those posed by genetic advances and economic progress.

John Paul dedicated a rainy, chilly Sunday to lay Catholics, spending two hours in St. Peter's Square with tens of thousands of enthusiastic followers participating in the Vatican's Holy Year. Despite the bad weather, the 80-year-old pope kept up his enthusiasm throughout the ceremony, shaking hands with dozens of participants at the end.

Reports: Fujimori denies

corruption, considers return

TOKYO — Ousted Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori denied corruption allegations and said he is considering running in Peruvian parliamentary elections next spring, Japanese media reported Sunday.

Speaking at a friend's seaside vacation home south of Tokyo, Fujimori denied allegations that he abused his office to acquire illicit wealth and transferred the funds overseas.

In separate interviews with Japan's leading newspapers, he said he is very confident that an investigation will find him innocent.

"I have never owned shares in Peru, in Singapore, in Panama, or in Japan," Fujimori told the

Mainichi Shimbun. "Investigators should go ahead with the investigation to clear my name."

On Friday, Peruvian officials widened their probe of Fujimori's former spy master, Vladimiro Montesinos, to investigate whether the president himself was involved in corruption.

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PlayStation 2: Scourge of Christmas presents

On behalf of parents everywhere, I just want to say: Thanks a lot, Sony!

We're all grateful to Sony because of the swell job it has done of promoting the Sony PlayStation 2, which is the most important advance in entertainment technology since Tickle Me Elmo.

This thing is amazing! It can play video games! It can play movies! It can make jerky! It can perform laser eyeball surgery in your family room! Sony spent millions of dollars hyping the PlayStation 2, thus creating a huge demand. Every child in America must get one of these things for Christmas or Chanukah or Kwanzaa or Atheist Children Get Presents Day. Children who don't get one will be bitterly disappointed.

To meet the demand it created, Sony set up the PlayStation 2 manufacturing facility, which is located in a one-car garage in suburban Tokyo.

There, the PlayStation 2 work force, which consists of 92-year-old Mr. Wokohito Mumuwama and his 89-year-old wife, Mamecha, have been making PlayStation 2 units as fast as they can, considering the fact that they must assemble all 123,972 parts by hand, and their candles keep blowing out.

Nevertheless the Mumuwamas have been cranking out these babies at the rate of only one per month, for a total of 11 so far, of which eight failed quality-control tests because of defects such as spiders, denture adhesive on the microchips, etc. So the bottom line is that only three functioning PlayStation 2 units have actually been made, and two of these were stolen during shipment.

As a result, 37 million parents were competing for the one remaining unit, which was purchased by 24-year-old videomane enthusiast Trent Beanhonker, who got it, in a heartwarming holiday story, by strapping explosives to his chest.

The rest of us are out of luck. We will have to explain to our children, in our latest soothing Mr. Rogers voices, that Santa did not bring them a PlayStation 2 this year, but that this does not mean they have been bad! It just means that Santa hates them.

So again I say: Thanks, Sony! Way to plan!

Maybe you could use the same kind of marketing expertise to open a chain of restaurants: Each one could have 50 tables, 15 waiters, five chefs, an extensive menu, and one lone packet of saltines.

But enough bitterness. As the old farm saying goes, there is no point in spilling milk on a barn door that has already hatched.

So what if we can't buy our kids a PlayStation 2 this year? Who says they need it anyway? What's wrong with the toys we got when I was a boy?

Some of them were pretty darned "high tech," too! For example, there was a toy called the "Wheel-O-Rama," which was a wheel that you rolled around and around in this metal frame, which the wheel stuck to because of... magnetism!

Wow! I bet our kids would think that was pretty "cool," huh?

My point is that, this year, maybe you don't need to give your child the "latest" toy.

Maybe your child will be just as happy with a toy from the past. Because in the end, the holiday season is not about material things.

Ho ho ho.

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When home leaves you breathless

Bad indoor air may be a big problem

 By Steve Crump
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For Mardo Eaton and thousands of other Magic Valley residents who have chronic breathing problems, home isn't automatically a refuge when the weather turns cold.

"We have a (special) filter and a humidifier in our heating system," said Eaton, a registered nurse who has worked as a coordinator with the Magic Valley Breathers, a support group. "They're a big help."

The brew of dust, insects, wood smoke, tobacco smoke, mold, pet dander and chemicals that rolls in the innards of the average house can cause as much mischief as the environmental contaminants outside.

That's because home is where we spend a hefty chunk of our sleeping and waking hours. We're indoors up to 90 percent of the time, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Trouble is, we usually don't pay much attention to the air in our homes until we find that it's making us ill.

"When winter comes, we start to see a lot of people with similar complaints," said Dr. Richard Henry, a Twin Falls allergy specialist. "In some ways, they're similar to cold symptoms. But a cold goes away; these symptoms stay all winter long if they're untreated."

To understand why, look no further than your well-insulated, double-paneled, weather-stripped, energy-efficient home. The air simply doesn't turn over the way it used to. It stays inside, and is breathed over and over.

Yet there are no fewer respiratory irritants indoors than there used to be.

"In the case of a new home, there are even more," said Dr. Henry. "Fresh paint, the adhesive used to hold down carpet, solvents — they all have the potential to cause trouble."

You won't know for sure what all you are being tested for, but there are some strong suspects. Prominent among them would be the dust mite, which theoretically isn't supposed to be able to survive in high-and-dry southern Idaho.

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Dust mites love carpets, pillows and bedding, and they're easily stirred up.

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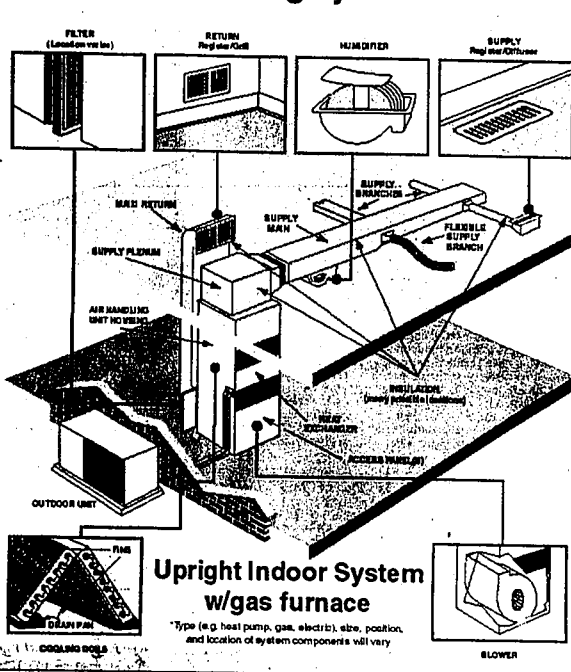
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 The American Lung Association: (800) 586-4872 and www.lungusa.org. The site has information on ways to keep indoor air clean and how to build a "healthy home."

 The Environmental Health Center of the National Safety Council: (800) 557-2366 and www.nsc.org/ehc/airqual.htm.

 The Healthy House Institute: (812) 332-5073 and www.hhiinst.com.

"I think one of the major sources of irritation this time of year is the vacuum cleaner," said Lande Lambert, respiratory therapist at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. "When your vacuum sucks up the dirt, it stirs up the dust — and everything that's in it."

Lambert recommends a vacuum with a HEPA filter, designed to filter out very small particles. For folks with chronic breathing problems, Henry sometimes goes so far as to suggest they rip out the carpets.

"At least wash the bedding often," he said.

Dust mites survive on human skin dander, and it's everywhere in your house — especially in your bed.

"You sweat when you're sleeping, and dander from your skin just covers the sheets and the bedding," Henry said.

And then there's the Fido. "When I started in practice, I used to suggest to patients with pets that they get rid of them,"

Henry said. "I found that maybe one out of 10 got rid of the pet and the other nine got rid of me."

But there's a middle ground, he says. Some rooms — and especially bedrooms — can be kept pet-free.

"It's important to bathe them often, because every dog or cat has oils on the skin that can be irritants," Lambert said. "You pet the dog, touch your face, and the oil gets into your respiratory system."

Molds can also be an issue, Henry said. They're potent allergens for some people, and proliferate on damp basement walls.

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Complete Radiance Foundation SPF 15 (\$13.59) is an excellent, light-to-medium coverage foundation with a pure titanium dioxide-based sunscreen. There are 10 shades available, but no options for very light or very dark skin. Oil of Olay also has Complete Radiance Compact Foundation SPF 15 (\$13.59); it is a pressed-powder foundation with a silky soft feel. The SPF 15 is part titanium dioxide and that is great. While this foundation is an option for those who like wearing only powder as their makeup base, I'm concerned about the SPF 15. Please keep in mind that a sheer application or light dusting won't net you the SPF rating on the label. As is true with any foundation that has an SPF, it takes a liberal, even application to do the job.

Cover Girl CC Smoothers All Day Hydrating Makeup (\$7.99) actually has 16 great colors — what a shame the container doesn't even vaguely resemble the shade inside. It has a sheer to medium coverage with a soft matte, slightly powdery finish, which is anything but hydrating. But it would

work great for someone with normal to slightly oily or combination skin! Cover Girl's Fresh Look Makeup Oil-Free SPF 15 for Combination to Oily Skin (\$7.99) is also an excellent option. Not only is the price incredibly reasonable, but the SPF 15 is titanium dioxide based, the finish is nicely matte and there is a huge assortment of colors to choose from, 16 in all. It really is a great new formula with a smooth, even application and no noticeable fragrance. What a difference from the old Cover Girl!

L'Oréal Visible Lift Line Minimizing Makeup SPF 12 (\$12.99) is a product that has been reformulated. It still doesn't change lines on your face, but it does work better than far more expensive foundations that make claims about hiding lines. Now with the addition of a pure titanium dioxide SPF of 12 it merits even more praise. Yes, I know, SPF 15 would be better, but this isn't bad. For those of you with very fair or almost white skin, there are even new shades that will fit you to a T. If you have normal to dry skin, with or without lines, this is a great option.

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Let's not re-visit the toothless days of old

Speaking of the old days, America was pretty toothless in colonial times — and we're not talking about a lack of military force. "American colonists were widely considered to have the worst oral health in the world," says Eric Curtis, a spokesman for the Academy of General Dentistry. In letters home from his travels in the New World, the Count de Rochambeau reported that the women, although beautiful, were nearly toothless by age 18.

Researchers have found that a protein called CRP predicts survival better than cholesterol. C-reactive protein (CRP), which the body produces in reaction to inflammation, is considered a new risk factor for heart disease. A study by Intermountain Health Care's LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City measured cholesterol and CRP levels in blood samples of 985 patients with severe heart disease. 109 of whom died in the next three years. The researchers found that the 109 who died had higher levels of CRP compared to patients who were still living, but there was no difference in cholesterol levels between the two groups.

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Clearing the air

Give the air in your house a dose of healthy cleaning with these recommendations from the Lung Association and the Environmental Protection Agency.

• Install a smoke and carbon monoxide detector and check it monthly to make sure it's working.

• Use a radon detector such as a charcoal radon monitor — which usually costs \$20.

• Replace furnace filters regularly, ideally every two to three months. Choose a high-efficiency filter, which usually costs about \$15.

• Make sure the flue is open when using your fireplace. Have it and the chimney inspected annually for blockage or cracks. Repair any damage or problem immediately.

• Keep cigarette and cigar smoke out of the house, especially if you have children. Confining smoke to a room such as a den or study won't prevent second-hand smoke from circulating to other rooms.

• Open windows to allow air to flow on days when air quality is good; an exception is if a household member is allergic to pollen.

• Leave some windows — such as those on upper floors — partially open, even if it's just a crack.

• Clean your dehumidifiers and humidifiers regularly.

• Check your home regularly for trapped moisture. Find the cause and repair as soon as possible. Signs include musty odors, excessive condensation on windows and walls, sweating pipes, peeling or cracking paint, and mold or mildew on surfaces.

• Store firewood in the garage or outdoors, rather than inside the house. Drying firewood can generate mold spores, which can contaminate the entire house.

• Choose products that use lower-emitting phenol formaldehyde instead of formaldehyde. Increase ventilation when bringing in new furniture with formaldehyde.

• Don't overwater household plants. Mold can grow in wet soil.

• Minimize the use of household cleaning agents for the bathroom and kitchen. Follow directions, especially if there's a warning to use only in a well-ventilated area. Never mix chemical products such as an ammonia-based cleaner and chlorine bleach; the mixture creates potentially harmful fumes. Consider nontoxic cleaning alternatives such as baking soda for rugs and carpets, or vinegar and warm water for windows, and bleach to remove mold and mildew.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Study: Chicken soup has remedy potential

Knight Ridder News Service

If you're laid up in bed with a bad case of the sniffles, this is what you really didn't need to hear: "You have to hope things will get better."

Dr. Stephen Rennard isn't just talking about your own personal health — no matter how poor it may be — but about the state of cold and flu treatments today. Oh, sure, there are new drugs, new cough medicines, new nasal sprays, new hope.

But it still boils down to this, he believes: "You may be better off doing what your grandma said."

After centuries of patient suffering and countless dollars spent on cold and flu research, you would think there would be more advanced treatments. And there are some promising products that do appear to reduce the length of the flu — by about a day.

Not exactly reason to throw away your tissue box just yet.

Just about the biggest news on the cold and flu front this year is there is evidence your mom or grandma probably always has known best. A study out of the University of Nebraska Medical Center suggests chicken soup potentially relieves cold symptoms.

And "potentially" is the key word, "Rennard says.

Studying a homemade chicken soup recipe, as well as more than a dozen canned soup preparations, Rennard and a team of researchers found the products may reduce the body's inflammatory response to cold viruses. The inflammation, thought to be responsible for sore throats, runny noses, nasal congestion and other unpleasant symptoms of illness.

But additional research is



What a person with a cold needs

Plenty of nonalcoholic liquids to replace lost water and prevent dehydration.

Rest and sleep

Normal diet if person is hungry; warm soup helps relieve congestion.

Optional: Decongestant for symptoms.

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What a person with a fever needs

It depends on what's causing the fever.

Flu often causes fever; the prescription drugs amantadine or rimantadine may help if taken within 48 hours.

A child with a 103°F fever needs immediate treatment.

An adult with a 103°F fever, a 101°F fever for more than three days or a low fever for several weeks needs medical care.

Plenty of liquids; normal diet

Nonprescription fever reducers: Aspirin (adults only), acetaminophen, ibuprofen

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needed to prove soup is as good a cold reliever as any.

However, says Rennard, "our study provides no reason to doubt Grandma."

And that's about the best news there is. For if you aren't laid up in bed yet, this is what you really didn't want to know: Production problems have resulted in major delays in delivery of the influenza vaccine, meaning that many people will not be able to receive their flu shots until early December. But local health officials have confirmed Santa Clara

County's first flu case is already here.

"That doesn't mean we have a heavier flu season or we have an outbreak. It just means the flu is here," says Dr. Martin Fentersheib, the county's health officer.

It's enough to make you want to drown yourself in cough syrup. But don't give up hope. One of the best things you can do, health experts believe, is arm yourself with information.

The term "common cold" is actually a misnomer. There is no

one common cold but more than 200 different viruses — and that's a conservative estimate — that can cause symptoms in humans.

Illness is most typically spread via hand-to-hand contact. Cold weather, wet hair and enlarged tonsils don't appear to be to blame, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

But susceptibility to colds has been linked to psychological stress, allergic disorders affecting the nasal passages or throat, and menstrual cycles.

And women do get more colds than men, especially during their 20s and 30s. Scientists suspect it's because of their close contact with children.

"The largest transmitters by far are little people," says Dr. Mark Lillo, an infectious disease expert at Kaiser Permanente-Santa Clara.

Which is why parents of young kids tend to get sick more often than their childless peers.

While adults average about two to four colds per year, children come home with six to 10 colds. And they often share their flu bugs with loved ones.

The flu, while much more devastating, is far less prevalent. In the average flu season, one in five Americans gets infected by at least one strain of the virus, and more than 20,000 people die from flu-related complications, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"For somebody who's young and otherwise healthy, it's annoying, it's an unpleasant experience, but it's not particularly dangerous," Lillo says. For others, however, the flu "can bring on a heart attack, pneumonia or stroke."

How to negotiate cold season at the local gym

The Orange County Register

The woman in the elliptical trainer next to you knows, "Ah-chie!" The next thing you hear, your nose is Rudy Reddy's runny. Although you can't really conclude that sick gym-goers are the sure source of your nasty cold, it's a safe bet that you can catch a cold in fitness centers.

There's no easy way around it, short of working out with an astronaut's helmet, surgical gloves, a spray bottle of disinfectant and paper towels.

Knowing how cold and flu germs are spread and how to minimize contact can help you reduce your chances of getting a cold. It also can help you do the responsible thing: If you have a cold, consider ways to keep others from catching your cold.

Most people know that we can

get colds from touching surfaces infected by cold viruses. These bugs can live on door handles, machine handrails and handrails, stairway railings, counters, benches, pens, seats, dumbbells and barbells, exercise mats, inflatable balls, hardwood floors, carpets, water fountain buttons, towels and elevator buttons. Touch an infected surface, then touch your eyes, nose or mouth and you could be a candidate for the cold. You also can get a cold from the normal person-to-person contact in sports such as basketball and martial arts.

You also can inhale infectious particles that are released into the air when a person sneezes. Some of these particles can remain suspended in the air for a long time.

A person is most likely to transmit cold viruses in the sec-

ond to fourth day of infection, but we have no way of knowing how long a person has been infected.

So what can you do?

- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently with soap and water, especially after using exercise equipment. Doctors say this is still the most effective way of avoiding catching a cold.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose and mouth without washing your hands first.

- Don't rely on covering your hands with antibacterial lotions and gels.

- Sanitize your weight-training gloves after using them. Launder them if they are washable. Wipe them with a paper towel moistened with disinfectant spray if your gloves are not washable.
- Choose an exercise machine

away from a person who clearly has a cold. In some situations, this is difficult to do — even as in a crowded aerobics floor or a small room for indoor cycling or yoga. Sometimes, it's hard to tell if a person has a cold or allergies. But you can't go to that person and say, "Excuse me, do you have a cold or an allergy? If you have a cold, I want to stay as far away from you as possible."

- Don't be surprised or offended if others avoid you or give you dirty looks if you insist on working out in the gym despite having a severe cold. They don't want your cold germs.

- Consider working out at home or going for a power walk when the temperatures are not too cold until you are well. Treat this as an opportunity to cross-train.

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humidifier going and other sources of household moisture in the air, and the humidity inside goes up pretty fast."

For that reason, Lambert is skeptical of small, table-top humidifiers because they quickly become mold farms.

"If you're going to use them, they have to be washed often."

Almost as often as you change your furnace filter, he suggests.

"If you have somebody living

in the house with (indoor) allergies, I'd change the filter every week or two."

Those filters are increasingly sophisticated, Henry says.

"There are filters on the market now that can filter out bacteria — even viruses."

Although most wood-burning stoves in use in the Magic Valley — and as many as one-fourth of the households in south-central Idaho have them — are sealed, there's a significant amount of

wood smoke in the air at times during the winter, Henry says.

"Wood smoke is a serious irritant for some people with chronic breathing problems," he said. "And if they're breathing it in the home, it can be worse."

Henry and Lambert agree that tobacco smoke is public enemy No. 1 among indoor air pollutants.

"If somebody in the house is smoking, then everybody in the house is breathing tobacco

smoke," Henry said.

If you suspect that the house itself — and the chemicals therein — are making you sick, it's important to begin a process of elimination, he said.

"There are so many potential sources," Henry said. "And you really can't rule any of them out unless you're tested."

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More lifestyle modifications to help symptoms of Non-Ulcer Dyspepsia:
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• Identify current stressors and learn ways to manage stress by taking a class on stress management skills, exercising or listening to soothing music.
• Learn and practice relaxation techniques such as relaxed breathing, imagery and progressive muscle relaxation.
• Devote time to doing things you enjoy such as hobbies or sports.
FATIGUE
• Balance rest and activity.
• Try to have a bedtime routine. When possible, go to bed and get up at the same times each day.
• Sleep only as much as you need for refreshment. Avoid getting too much sleep.
• Avoid beverages with caffeine after noon.
• Do not consume more than three caffeinated beverages in one day.
• Exercise before 7 p.m.
• Take time each day to relax.
• Pace yourself. Do not try to do too much at one time.
DIET
There are several different groups of medications that may be helpful with management of non-ulcer dyspepsia. These include the following:
• Antacids
• Proton pump inhibitors
• Prokinetics
• Low-dose antidepressants
• Antibiotic treatment for Helicobacter pylori.
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Cryosurgery becomes hot again

Knight-Ridder News Service

When it comes to killing cancer, doctors usually turn up the heat.

But there's another way to do it with extreme cold. Doctors can make tiny incisions, insert little tools and freeze a tumor until its cellular membranes shatter, shrivel up and die. The approach is called cryosurgery, or cryo ablation. It has been around for several decades but it never much caught on.

But lately, teamed up with new minimally invasive surgery techniques, it is undergoing a comeback of sorts. It promises to treat some tumors — both cancerous ones and nonmalignant lumps — without a big scar and long surgical recovery.

"The door is open for a new tool," says Dr. Peter Littrop, a radiologist at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

Littrop credits the rekindling of interest in cryosurgery to improvements in three sophisticated imaging machines used to locate tumors before and during surgery. Each of the machines — ultrasound, computerized tomography scanning (CT scanners) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) — greatly help doctors place freezing tools "dead center in the tumor," Littrop says. They also help better gauge the temperature and size of a freeze zone to be sure it includes all of a tumor.

If you want to find out about cryosurgery, expect a few obstacles. It earns little more than a

Killing cancer with cold gas

Surgical techniques that use extremely cold liquid gas to freeze and kill cancerous tissue are called cryosurgery or cryoablation. The procedure is called cryosurgery or cryoablation. The procedure is called cryosurgery or cryoablation. The procedure is called cryosurgery or cryoablation.

Use in breast surgery

Killing the cells: A thin catheter tube is inserted through a small incision to reach the tumor. A thin cryoprobe tube is maneuvered through the catheter, and liquid nitrogen at -321°F (-196°C) is pumped into the tip of the probe. The tumor typically is treated in several freeze-thaw cycles of 10 to 15 minutes.

Use with an MRI machine

Image of tumor on computer



Guiding the probe: To reach the exact site of a tumor and record whether the tumor cells are killed, doctors use ultrasound, computerized tomography (CT scan) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines.

footnote in most cancer books. On the Internet, it's mixed in with cryogenics, a body and tissue freezing method. And it is offered



The MRI monitors the probe and tumor during the cryosurgery



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at only handfuls of centers. As a result, most doctors know little about it and may belittle it to patients, as has occurred with

cryosurgery for prostate tumors.

Even in the treatment of prostate cancer, where it re-established itself in the past decade as an option for early-stage disease, it remains controversial.

"I'm not sure it will ever really catch on because it's so operator-dependent," says Dr. Fred Lee Sr., the Crittenton Hospital radiologist who has helped pioneer the treatment. Lee hopes that a tool called a template, which has been used to improve the positioning of radioactive seeds in the prostate to treat cancer, may be adapted to make it easier to accurately place freezing tools.

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Red Cross offers first aid course

A Community First Aid and Safety course will be offered at 6 p.m. today and Tuesday at the American Red Cross, 718 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The two-hour course includes infant, child and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Preregistration and prepayment are required. To register or for more information, call 733-6464 or (888) 367-6321, or visit the office.

CPR class planned

A CPR class will be offered from 6:30-10 p.m. Tuesday in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Fee is \$11. To register, call 737-2007.

Learn infant CPR

An infant CPR class will be offered from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday in the Education Center at MVRMC.

Preregistration is not required.

Childbirth class

A prepared childbirth course

To do for you

will be offered from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, beginning this Wednesday through Dec. 27, in the Education Center at MVRMC. Preregistration is required, call 737-2000.

Workplace training

The American Red Cross is offering a Workplace Training: Standard First Aid course at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Red Cross office, 718 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The five and one-half hour

course includes adult CPR and first-aid instruction.

Preregistration and prepayment are required. To register or for more information, call 733-6464 or (888) 367-6321, or visit the office.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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DEAR ABBY: Eight months ago, I married "Tim." We're very happy. There's only one problem. Tim has a son from a previous marriage. The boy lives with his mother, "Agnes."

Abby, Tim's family invites Agnes to all the family holiday dinners. They say they do it for his son's sake, but I find it extremely uncomfortable. Last Christmas, I stayed home while Tim went to his mother's for dinner so he could be with his son and family.

Now that I'm Tim's wife, I feel strongly that I should no longer have to spend all my holidays with Agnes. Tim knows how I feel. He spends very little time with Agnes at these functions, but he says we must participate in these holiday dinners.

Tim has told his parents how awkward the situation is for me. They say we should be more mature about it. This is very upsetting, but what can I do?

- DREADING THE HOLIDAYS IN MEMPHIS

DEAR DREADING: The solution may lie in compromise. Now that you are Tim's wife, you may wish to start some holiday traditions of your own, and include Tim's son and family members. Consider inviting them for Christmas Eve dinner or brunch on Christmas morning, easing Agnes out of the picture. The situation may improve when Agnes finds a replacement for Tim, but meanwhile, take some positive

Family extends too far when ex-wife's included



DEAR ABBY
Abby Weinbaum

steps to make your holidays brighter by not relying on his family for all your Christmas cheer.

DEAR ABBY: Having read the letter from "Newly Widowed, Baden, Pa.," who wondered when she could start going out in public, I must respond.

I am also in my 50s and was widowed two months ago. During my husband's last days fighting kidney cancer, our children and grandchildren came from out of state to be with us. The day after he died, I took my family to Legoland. We had a wonderful day together. My husband would not have wanted us to sit around mourning his death. Instead, we celebrated together as a family.

A week after the funeral, I returned to work. I also signed up for two adult education classes and resumed my swim exercise class. If "Newly Widowed" is being started at, perhaps it is because people don't know how to express their condolences to such a young widow. She shouldn't care what others think. If she has friends who think she should stay home and cry, she needs to find

new ones.

While I miss my beloved husband with all my heart, I believe life is for the living. Please advise "Newly Widowed" to go out and enjoy life while she can.

— LYNN
FROM VISTA, CALIF.

DEAR LYNN: I agree. I hope the widow heeds your wise words.

DEAR ABBY: What is the polite way to ask people not to bring gifts to our wedding? My fiancée and I have lived together

for 11 years and already have most everything we need. More toasters, juicer, glasses and towel sets will not fit in our house.

— BRIDE-TO-BE
WHO HAS IT ALL

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: A simple statement printed on your invitation should do the trick: "No gifts, please. Your presence will be our cherished gift."

movies

For a 12 min. movie, see page 10.

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Play waiting game, Gemini

IF NOVEMBER 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are drawn to humanitarian projects. You travel more than most persons. People are attracted to you with their problems. You are better at helping others than in promoting your own cause. Aries, Libra persons play major roles in your life. During December be sure to get promises, commitments in writing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Excellent for advertising, publishing. Love relationship exciting, subject to change. Virgo will play unusual role. You could be consulted on editorial project.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): What you seek will practically be handed to you on proverbial silver platter. You will receive luxury item as gift. Domestic adjustment featured. Libra involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emphasis on legal, public relations, marital status. Play waiting game. You do not have necessary information. If patient, you win. Otherwise you lose.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Focus on promotion, production, distribution. Relationship conversational, exciting. Question of partnership, marriage looms large. Capricorn plays dynamic role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on romance, far-away lands. Someone wants to tell you something. Open lines of communication. Aries will play pertinent role. Listen and love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let go of preconceived notions. Take cold plunge into future. Emphasize original thinking. Take chance on romance. Don't follow others. Leo dominates scenario.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Family members are sincere but

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

could be sincerely misinformed. If single, you could encounter future mate. You'll receive proposals, partnership and marriage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emphasis on entertainment, social activity, participation in political debate. Sagittarius will play major role. Ask questions. Give full play to intellectual curiosity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You could be talk of the town. Revise accounting methods. Tear down in order to rebuild. Wear clothes and hair differently. Scorpio represented.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be ready for change of venue. What might have seemed settled is not that at all. Journey indicates involves Virgo. Relationship serious, avoid playing games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Attention revolves around family, home, enlarged living quarters. You will know once and for all that your love is not unrequited. Sleep well; pleasant dreams.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Define terms; outline boundaries. Professional superior wants to hear your side. Be realistic about people, relationships. Another Pisces figures in scenario.

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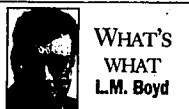
The original jeans were brown. It was a Portuguese who got to what's now Los Angeles before any other European. Juan Rodriguez, he. A navigator. He looked around and left.

In a speech at Galesburg, Ill., President Bill Clinton said, "Being president is like running a cemetery - you've got a lot of people under you and nobody's listening."

Q. What's Bergmann's Rule?
A. The finding by 19th century German biologist Carl Bergmann that animals of any species are larger in cold climates and smaller in warm climates. Because large animals better conserve body heat while small animals better dissipate it.

A San Francisco physician says his prescription for obesity is remarkably simple. He just directs his overweight patients to eat nothing except with chopsticks. Note: It doesn't work with overweight Orientals who routinely eat with chopsticks.

Where heavy rains flood tropical places, some ants make chains



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of their bodies to float ropes of themselves. The curiosity is that ropes roll on the water so all the ants, now under, now over, have their chances to breathe.

The kingdom of Bhutan between India and Tibet also issues postage stamps. One has Donald Duck on it.

That sea bird called the frigate can neither swim nor dive. Its feathers get waterlogged. It sinks. When western worders knew little else about Japan, they learned about the historic Japanese baths. Tradition survives on reasons. Japan has about 20,000 hot springs.

Socrates knew nothing of Confucius. Confucius knew nothing of Socrates. Their lifetimes overlapped.

The horseshoe crab has 10 eyes.

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The rate of labor inductions in this country has more than doubled over the past 10 years, and unfortunately, not always with good results, as the reasons for inductions are not always appropriate.

During pregnancy, your doctor is dealing with two patients - the mother and her unborn baby. Despite all the aches and pains associated with pregnancy, the benefits of labor induction must be weighed against the potential risks to both mother and baby. If the induction is done too early, the baby's lungs will be too poorly developed, and they will spend unnecessary time in intensive care, or contract a life threatening illness due to prematurity.

Inductions performed before the cervix is ready for labor have a very high chance of failure, often resulting in an unnecessary Cesarean delivery. Inductions may last anywhere from a few hours to a few days, depending on several factors, most importantly of which is the condition of the cervix.

There are many complications of pregnancy which necessitate early induction of labor, despite the risks of a failed induction and Cesarean delivery. However, we are most often asked to induce labor simply because the patient is tired of being pregnant, or because delivery on a particular day would best fit their schedule, or any number of social reasons simply for convenience.

Agreeing to induce someone just to be "nice" is really not often in the best interest of the patient. There are fairly standard guidelines set forth showing indications and contraindications to induction of labor.

When your doctor tells you it is best to "let nature take its course," it is usually sound advice. Spontaneously going into labor offers a high chance of a normal delivery. Induction, done at a normal time, for the right reasons, can result in a healthy baby and a healthy mother and baby.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

TF City Council cancels meeting

TWIN FALLS - Tonight's City Council meeting has been canceled. The council will hold its next meeting at 5 p.m. Dec. 4. The meeting is open to the public.

Forest Service starts selling tree permits

KETCHUM - The Forest Service has started selling permits to cut Christmas trees on the northern parts of the Sawtooth National Forest.

Permits cost \$5 for a tree up to eight feet tall, with a limit of one tree per family.

Trees may be cut only in designated areas shown on maps available with permits.

Permits are available at:

- Fairfield Ranger Station from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and at the Market Basket store during business hours, seven days a week.

- Ketchum Ranger Station from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- Sawtooth National Recreation Area Headquarters from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., seven days a week.

- SNRA Stanley office from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Trees available are lodgepole pine, subalpine fir and Douglas fir, and they may be cut through Dec. 24.

Officials seek public comments on water

TWIN FALLS - State environmental officials are seeking public comment on proposed solutions to water quality problems on the Bruneau River and some of its tributaries in Elmore and Arden.

The state Department of Environmental Quality is proposing to impose pollutant limits on some tributaries of the Bruneau River and restrictions lifted on others where water quality has improved.

Copies of the proposed plans are available at the Twin Falls Regional office, public libraries in Twin Falls, Bruneau and Grand View, at the Bruneau Soil Conservation District office, the Tree Creek School and at the department's Internet site at: www2.state.id.us/deq

Comments are due Dec. 22 and should be sent to: Clyde Lay, DEQ, 601 Pole Line Road, Suite 2, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301-3035.

IPTV airs program on internment resistance

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Public Television will air "Conscience and the Constitution," a television program about Japanese Americans who refused to fight for the government that was imprisoning them during World War II.

The program will air at 8 p.m. Friday. It is produced by Frank Abe, a third generation Japanese American.

The program was produced for the Independent Television Service with funding by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the American Civil Liberties Public Education Fund.

"Conscience and the Constitution" tells the story of Japanese Americans who resisted internment by not fighting for the country unless it restored their rights as U.S. citizens and released their families from a Wyoming internment camp.

ITVS airs independently produced programs that represent points of view not usually seen on commercial or public television.

Commissioners board to discuss holiday party

RUPERT - The Christmas party for county employees will be discussed today at the Minidoka County Board of Commissioners meeting.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. at the Minidoka County courthouse.

Compiled from staff reports



Bosnia refugee Rifa Loncaric studies English as a Second Language at the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center.

Center prepares for new refugees

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Refugees from Russia, Bosnia, Kosovo and other countries in troubled regions of the world have found a quiet place to start over in southern Idaho over the past 15 years.

Iranians and Afghans are the next wave of refugees destined for Twin Falls via the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center. The Refugee Center says it can comfortably handle about 200 refugees a year in Twin Falls. With decreasing numbers of Bosnians and Kosovars being accepted into the United States, the center plans to take in more Iranians and Afghans for potential relocation.

When the refugees will arrive is unknown, but it looks like it is still down the road, center director Ron Black said. To prepare for their arrival, the center has found potential local translators who speak the Afghani Pushtu/Urdu language or the Iranian language of Farsi.

Countries in turmoil

Afghanistan

Since 1973, Afghan governments have come and gone with consecutive overthrows by new regimes. The government has bounced from a constitutional monarchy, a dictator's "republic," an Afghan communist regime, the 1979 Soviet invasion and eventually withdrawal, to the civil war that led to government rule since 1996 by the Taliban, an extremist Islamic government.

Under the Taliban, women's basic rights of health care and education have been denied, the U.S. Committee for Refugees says. Women have been removed from the work force, must have their faces shielded behind veils in public, and are not allowed to travel outside their homes without accompaniment by a male relative. Women not being allowed to work is devastating to some families, the U.S. Committee for Refugees reports, because many women have been widowed poor.

Because of similarities in climate and type of work available

years of fighting.

Iran

The religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini established the Islamic Republic of Iran in 1979 after dismantling the constitutional monarchy headed by the king, Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi. Shah's Western reforms, including the extension of voting rights to women, and his dictator-style rule along with corruption in the monarchy, led to his downfall. Iran's government recognizes some religions other than Islam, but the U.S. State Department reports various discriminatory practices leveled against non-religious minorities recognized by the government. Some religious minorities face persecution and even execution. Apostasy, specifically conversion from Islam, is punishable by death.

Source: Historical information from Microsoft Encarta Online Encyclopedia, 2000.

in southern Idaho, Black said the center has agreed to sponsor

Iranians and Afghans. The U.S. State Department also is targeting more Iraqi refugees for resettlement in the United States, but Black said that nearly all Iraqi refugees who arrived here in the mid-1990s left the area to join larger minority populations in other parts of the country.

"We're looking for groups that will stay here in the community," he said.

The U.S. State Department provides \$576 for every refugee who arrives in Twin Falls to pay for their first 30 days here. Black said. CSI acts as the Refugee Center's fiscal agent, but does not fund the center. The center this year will operate on a \$370,000 annual grant from the U.S. Health and Human Services Department to pay for refugee support services such as job counseling, Black said.

As for other local agencies that work with refugees, they

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Doctors disagree over hormone therapy

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Women might need to rethink taking what has been the most widely used prescription drug in the United States. "Women need to evaluate estrogen replacement therapy in light of mounting evidence that estrogen and Progestin may be more harmful than helpful," says Ketchum physician Dr. Nancy Parry, who founded the nonprofit Breast Center for the prevention and early detection of breast cancer while she lived in Anaheim, Calif.

Like many of her colleagues, Parry says she prescribed hormone replacement therapy for her patients for 30 years. But

More information

Dr. Meida Taylor, a gynecologist and researcher from the University of California-San Francisco, will present another view on hormone replacement therapy and other women's health issues at 12:15 p.m. Dec. 5 in the conference room at the St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center. The hospital is one mile south of Ketchum on Highway 75.

now she says women are being misled by what she calls "the estrogen myth."

"For many years physicians thought that menopausal women were estrogen-deficient," Parry said. "But now we know that even after menopause the

adrenal glands and fat cells continue to make estrogen. Therefore, we are not estrogen-deficient, as we were told."

Estrogen replacement therapy, a billion dollar market in the United States, has been touted as stopping the rapid bone loss that occurs the first five to 10 years after menopause. It's also been believed to reduce the incidence of Alzheimer's disease up to 40 percent and the risk of dying from a heart attack by 35 percent.

But a 1998 HERS study showed that the heart attack rate goes up the first eight months after a woman starts taking estrogen, Parry said. After five years, it spikes again.

Other studies have indicated

it does not help stave off Alzheimer's disease. Combined with Provera, it's believed to increase the risk of breast cancer 40 percent over five years, according to a study of 46,000 women published in the Jan. 26, 2000, issue of the "Journal of the American Medical Association." It also increases the risk of endometrial cancer.

Some women need estrogen because they have a deficiency or are suffering from intolerable hot flashes, Parry said.

But women who have too much estrogen may experience such symptoms as adult acne, allergies, anxiety and irritability, breast tenderness, depression.

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Christmas Council brightens the season thanks to volunteers' efforts

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Christmas will be a little brighter for some area families this holiday season, thanks to the efforts of volunteers with the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council. Council president Jackie Handy said the group has received about 160 applications so far.

"People can get applications through social service agencies and their ministers," Handy said. "We've always required applications, but we'll enforce that a little more this year."

At their Burley warehouse, volunteers have been separating

Interested?

Christmas Council applications are available at the Department of Health and Welfare at 2241 Overland Ave., Burley; South Central Community Action Agency at 1800 J St., Heyburn; and the Idaho Migrant Council, 3937 Overland Ave., Burley. Donations may be dropped off at the Valley Wholesale warehouse, 759 Overland Ave., Burley.

donations according to child or adult, boy or girl. Tables fill the

space and are stacked with stuffed animals, clothing, toys and quilts.

Donations are still being sought. Gifts for all ages and both genders are still needed. Handy said applications will be accepted until Dec. 9 after which applications will be saved for next Christmas.

Handy said the council especially needs donations of new winter clothing or clothing in like-new condition, children's toys, gifts for teens and canned foods.

Times-News correspondent Corren Hart can be reached through the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042.



Mini-Cassia Christmas Council President Jackie Handy, right, and volunteer Dolly Freilinger sort through donations that will be given to area families in need over the holidays.

Craig hears from area farmers

Senator tours Idaho taking comments on farm bill

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The 1996 Freedom to Farm Act was supposed to do many things for farmers.

But the law that should have put farmers on a level playing field and helped them profit has been criticized for falling short of its goals. Now, Idaho's senior senator is getting farmers' comments on how to best change the often-maligned program.

"Next year, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of which I am a member will begin the process of reauthorizing the Farm Bill," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, in a news release. "I want to have the input and ideas of Idaho farmers and ranchers at hand when I sit down at the negotiating table."

Starting Monday, Craig will solicit comments throughout the state in a farm bill tour and to get an idea of how the farm bill has and hasn't worked.

Janet Brackett, Craig's staff director of the subcommittee on Agriculture, said. "I want to have the input and ideas of Idaho farmers and ranchers at hand when I sit down at the negotiating table."

Two meetings will take place Tuesday in the Magic Valley. At 9 a.m., Craig's staff will visit Glenns Ferry City Hall at 204 E. Second. Then at 12:30 p.m., he will be in Twin Falls at the Depot Grill at 545 Shoshone St. At 6 p.m., Mini-Cassia farmers will have their say in council chambers at Burley City Hall.

In general, Craig envisions a farm bill that allows more flexibility for farmers and eliminates the extensive use of disaster loss payments by the government, and which "make(s) this a more financially stable or at least even way to farm," said Will Hart, Craig's press secretary.

Specific themes that need to be addressed include trade reform, tax reform and regulatory relief. Craig has already succeeded in lifting trade sanctions with other countries and securing good crop insurance for farmers, Hart said.

The farm bill will have completed its revision by the end of the 2002 congressional session. The first year will be devoted to hearings and writing amendments with the new package coming together the following year, Hart said.

Times-News writer Ruth Streeter can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 109, or by e-mail at rstreeter@magicvalley.com.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

BLM hires new firefighting personnel

BOISE (AP) — Idaho will get 20 new smokejumpers and a 20-person Hotshot crew under a new Bureau of Land Management plan.

The agency that manages 11 million acres of rangeland in Idaho will hire 1,700 new personnel in the next few months to beef up its firefighting capabilities.

The Bureau of Land Management currently employs 2,300 full- and part-time firefighting personnel.

The funding comes from President Clinton's \$1.6 billion wildfire plan Congress approved in October.

"We've just finished one of the most difficult fire seasons in the last 50 years," said Larry Hamilton, director of the agency's Office of Fire Aviation.

The bureau will add four Hotshot crews, elite firefighters who battle a blaze after the initial attack. They will go to Idaho,

Colorado, Nevada and Utah. The 20 additional smokejumpers will be located at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise.

Roughly half of the new positions will be permanent, year-round jobs or career seasonal positions. The other half will be temporary seasonal positions lasting up to six months a year.

The agency will move 40 temporary seasonal people to career seasonal under the plan.

SERVICES

John N. Friesen of Buhl, service at 10 a.m. today at the Valley View Memorial Church, 3925 N. 1900 E. (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Maxine Rose Davis of Jerome, service at 10 a.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

John M. Brubaker of Hammett, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Christian and Baptist Church, 265 N. Fourth E. in Mountain Home.

Allen Eldon Thompson of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m. today at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Arthur Melugin of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. today at the Paul LDS 4th Ward Chapel. A viewing will be held from 9:30 a.m. until time of the service today at the church.

Claude Matthis Wilson of Shoshone, service at 11:30 a.m. today at the Shoshone First Baptist Church (Demary's Shoshone Chapel).

Ruth Lillian Finley of Twin Falls, service at noon today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Harriet A. Wood of Twin Falls and formerly of Hazelton, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. today at

White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Raddon Layton of Oakley, service at 2 p.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center. A visitation will be held from 1-4:45 p.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary).

Brian Denton 'Bud' Sandlee of Hansen, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Elsie 'Bessie' Kuest of Buhl, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Virginia S. Lange of Union, Ore., and formerly of Rupert, service at 7 p.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church (Loveland Funeral Chapel in La Grande, Ore.).

Rudy Ashenbrenner of Twin Falls, prayer vigil service with rosary at 7:30 p.m. today at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls; memorial Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Edward's Catholic Church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Sarah Muriel Hansen Gough of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Wendell 1st Ward LDS Chapel. Friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hove-Robertson Funeral

Chapel in Jerome).

John Joseph Dauven III of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple in Salt Lake City. A viewing will be held from 7-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Lynn Anne Bell of Kimberly, service at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today with family to greet friends from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

Michael 'Mike' James Wilcox of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Michael Todd Kessler of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Vern Elizabeth Dean of Filer, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Filer Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Carman Colleen Davis of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 E. Ave. H in Jerome (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Rudy married his college love, Marjorie Johnston, in 1942, eventually settling in Twin Falls. He developed an impressive following of local athletes from his 25 years of High School and Big Sky refereeing, becoming a Mentor to many. He lived his faith and was a member of Saint Edward's Catholic Church. He purchased a piece of hardware in 1947, which became the anchor of his community involvement. His true love for the people in his community compelled him to share his talents and energy. His leadership in many local organizations enhanced the vitality of the community. More importantly, his individual contact with people in the hardware store allowed him to make people feel special and bring out the best in everyone.

Rudy is survived by his five children: Teri (Steve Raschke), of Boise; Jan (Peter Remmen), of Longmont, Colorado; Chris (Christine), of Spokane, Washington; and Tom (Megan) and Lori (Greg Edson) of Twin Falls. His grandchildren brought smiles to his face and joy to his heart. His brothers, Albert, Tony, Leonard, and his sister, Marie, also survived him. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Joseph, Frank, Rupert, John, George, Ed, and Bill, and one sister, Teresa.

Rudy was a very happy man. He loved to work, tackle, teach, fly, laugh and share his incredible spirit with everyone. His greatest happiness was his family. Our gift from him was his soft and powerful love.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0333, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.



MORRIS MALYON BRIDGES

BURLEY — Morris Malyon Bridges, 75, of Burley, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, at his home.

Born August 28, 1925, in Shelley, ID, the son of Charles Malyon and Maida Jane Bridges.

Morris was reared and educated in Shelley, ID, where he graduated from high school in 1944.

In 1944 Morris was drafted into the Marine Corp. He served in the military until 1946.

He married Shirley Mecham. They later divorced. He then married Connie Austin Jorgensen on October 1, 1964, in Blackfoot, ID. They resided in Idaho Falls for a time, then, due to a transfer with his job as a State Meat Inspector, they moved to Albion where they lived at the Albion Normal School in 1973. They moved their family to Burley, where he had since resided.

Morris was an active member of the LDS Church, where he served a mission as employment specialist. Morris loved people and his favorite times were when he was hunting at Juniper and fishing with his family.

Morris was a natural Santa Claus, and for the past 10 years he dressed in his red suit and went all over the valley bringing cheer to boys and girls.

From 1979 to present, Morris and Connie also shared their lives with many foster children.

He will be greatly missed by all who know him.

Survivors include: his wife, Connie of Burley; eight sons, Gene (Cindy) Bridges of Blackfoot, Joe Bridges of Mackay, Bob (Dori) Jorgensen of Oakley, Steve (Sherry) Bridges of Jackson, NW, Gary Jorgensen of Cedar City, UT, Mike (Twila) Bridges of Twin Falls, and Austin (Stacy) Bridges of

Murtaugh; four daughters, Malene (Jay) Erickson of Rigby, Holte (Sarg) Kibler of Lewiston, UT, Maxine (Cave) Olson of Idaho Falls, and Cindy (Pat) Reed of Eugene, Ore.; two brothers, Kenny (Dolores) Bridges of Shelley, and Nate (Dolores) Bridges of Lone Pine; two sisters, Carol (Angelo) Hernandez of Fort Hall and Larene (Dave) Morris of Rockland; 42 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Star 2nd Ward LDS Church, 200 W. 100 S. Burley. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Shelley, ID.



RUDY ASHENBRENNER

Rudy Ashenbrenner lived in Twin Falls for 55 of his 83 years. The community of Twin Falls became his home and his life. He died here on Thanksgiving Day, embraced in the love of his family. His greatest love and the spark in his life, Marjorie Ashenbrenner, predeceased him in January of this year.

Rudy's early years were spent on a farm in Nampa, Idaho, with ten brothers, two sisters and his parents, Joseph Ashenbrenner and Mary Wenzel. This large and close family provided him with a foundation of sweetness and compassion. Rudy appreciated the value of everyone. He genuinely respected each person, regardless of their status or stature. Rudy entered the University of Idaho and graduated with a Master's Degree in Education in 1940. His passion for football led him to become a stellar center and linebacker for one of the great Vandal teams. It was both his popularity and family that created an acknowledged presence on campus.

The War resulted in Rudy's join-

ing the Air Force in 1941, where he graduated from Flight Training School. His talents as an educator and pilot elevated him to Flight Instructor. He left privileged to experience the awe of flying powerful military aircraft such as P-38s and B-17s. His high level of skill and extensive hours logged resulted in his being chosen as Test Pilot for new Boeing releases. He continued his military career as Commander of the 9430th Air Reserve in Twin Falls, Idaho, where he was elevated to Lieutenant Colonel, finally retiring as a Colonel.

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HULDA WALLIS

TWIN FALLS — Hulda Wallis, 95, of Twin Falls, died Sunday morning, Nov. 26, 2000, at the Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

DRUSILLA

Warner Lambert DECLIO — Drusilla Arvilla Prescott Warner Lambert, 98, of Ontario, Calif., and formerly of Heyburn, Idaho, and Declo, Idaho, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000, at the Chino Valley Medical Center in Ontario, Calif. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, at the Declo Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 W. Main St., Declo, with Bishop Daniel Turner, officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.

Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, from 6 until 8 p.m. and at the stake center on

Friday from 10 until 10:45 a.m.

DEATH NOTICES

Ralph Wixom BURLEY — Ralph Wixom, 84, formerly of Burley, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, at Manor Care Center in Spokane, Wash. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Dorothy Shark BUHL — Dorothy Shark, 62, of Buhl, died Sunday Nov. 26, 2000, at her home. Services are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Carman C. Davis JEROME — Carman Colleen Davis, 71, of Jerome, died Friday, Nov. 24, 2000, at her home. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 E. Ave. H in Jerome, with the Rev. Randall Davis officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of the

Jerome room. Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office. Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center. Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., council chambers, City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Wednesday Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Thursday Rupert, DeMay Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., library, 417 Seventh St. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Friday Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

INEEL accepts cleanup comments

IDaho FALLS (AP) — The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory seeks public comment on a proposal to clean up contaminated groundwater plumes beneath the site's Test Area North.

Officials at the laboratory say researchers have determined the proposed remedy is more effective, faster and would cost nearly \$8 million less than the original solution.

The initial cleanup program consisted of pumping groundwater to the surface and treating it chemically.

Friday from 10 until 10:45 a.m.

Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. A full obituary will follow at a later time.

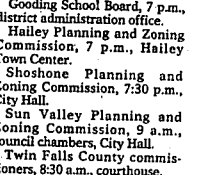
Milo B. Davis BOISE — Milo B. Davis, 95, of Boise, Idaho, and formerly of Buhl, Idaho, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, at a local care center. Services will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, at 1 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Buhl. Burial will follow at Sunset Cemetery in Twin Falls. Arrangements by Summers Funeral Home, Boise, Idaho.

Harriet A. Wood TWIN FALLS — Harriet A. Wood, 94, of Twin Falls and formerly of Hazelton, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, at Heritage Retirement Center. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. The family suggests memorials be given to the donor's choice. Cremation and service arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

Agencies close South Fork area

FAIRFIELD (AP) — The area along the South Fork of the Boise River drainage will be closed as of Wednesday to showmobiles and other motorized vehicles to protect wintering elk. The closure, as part of the Sawtooth National Forest Thinning, was agreed to by both the U.S. Forest Service and Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

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Festival of Trees: Take a holiday blast into the past

By Ruth Stroeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY—While families scour the shops for CDs, Pokémon games and other coveted toys and gadgets, a local festival will seek to celebrate the Christmas that can't be bought on shelves.

The theme for this year's Festival of Trees is "Christmas Past," an idea born when organizers began a trip down memory lane. Plans for using the old Y-Well Bowl for this year's festival spawned recollections of when the bowling alley was a dance hall and when life seemed a lot more simple.

"(Christmas has) gotten so commercialized, we've really lost sight of what it's all about," said Diana M. Wheeler, publicity chairman for the Festival of Trees.

Money raised at the festival will go for new equipment at the Cassia Regional Medical Center, \$500 renewable scholarships for graduating seniors pursuing health-related professions, and three \$500 scholarships for adults continuing their education to enter the health care industry.

The festival also supports Minicassia Search and Rescue, quick response units and volunteer ambulance services.

The "Christmas Past" theme remains, but plans for using the Y-Well fell through. Instead, the event will be held Thursday through Saturday, has moved to the old Roper's store in downtown Burley.

Wheeler is excited about the roomy facility although she's concerned about parking. In years past, festival attendees had the past Burley Inn and Convention Center lot at their disposal but the parking isn't as plentiful downtown.

Several area businesses have agreed to give up their parking lots. The parking lot directly behind Roper's will be reserved for handicapped parking.

Organizers are happy to have the event in the core of Burley's shopping district, which can be a benefit for merchants, said festival chairwoman Glenna Turner.



JaMee Mallory with Jill's Flower Haus tweaks 'Frosty's Delight,' one of seven trees the Heyburn florist is selling to area businesses or organizations that will in turn donate the trees to this year's Festival of Trees. The three-day festival kicks off with a \$25-a-plate dinner Wednesday evening.

Festival of Trees

Information

When: Burley Festival of Trees, at the old Roper's store, 1263 Overland Ave.

When: Festival Gate, 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, \$25 per person. Call 678-0968 or 678-9794 for tickets.

Festival hours: 10 a.m. to noon Thursday for senior citizens and people with physical disabilities, and noon to 9 p.m. for everyone; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Cost: \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children.

For more information: The festival phone number is 678-TREE.

Parking

Several businesses will open up their

parking lots for the festival. The parking lot behind Roper's will be reserved for handicapped parking.

Other available parking lots include Big O Tire Stores; public parking lots on the corner of Overland Avenue and Main Street, the corner of Albion Avenue and East 13th Street, and the corner of Albion Avenue and East 14th Street; Key Bank along brick the wall on the lot's south side; Idaho Youth Ranch; Farm Credit Services and Edward Jones Investments; Evans & Beck, CPA.

East 13th Street will be converted during the festival to a westbound one-way street to accommodate buses dropping off children.

"They'll just be more people downtown," Turner said. "They'll be downtown and hopefully while they're downtown, they'll make some purchases."

The event kicks off Wednesday night with a \$25-per-plate gala dinner. Throughout the three-day event, 93 trees and 40 other items such as birdhouses, wreaths and

sleighs decorated by local groups and businesses will be available for sale.

Each day will be filled with live entertainment from school choirs, jazz bands and local music groups. A snack bar and a holiday play will be run by the Cassia Regional Medical Center Auxiliary.

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cate hormone replacement therapy causes breast cancer.

Parry is not swayed — she says "that's understandable given the fact that it's so difficult to keep up with the volume of research that keep coming out. What's more, studies and continuing health education seminars are often financed by the drug companies, she points out.

It took mammograms 20 years to attain respect in the eyes of the medical establishment, she said.

For information about the saliva tests check www.saliva.com or contact Parry at 622-3180.

Times-News correspondent Karen Basick can be reached in

Hayley at 578-2111.

Today

CSI Golden Eagle Booster luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.

Entrepreneurial training for kids, 1 p.m., Evergreen C95.

Twin Falls County Democratic party meeting, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 276.

Tuesday

PACT Club Bible study, 10 a.m., Shields 112.

Bilingual Education (BESO) club meeting, 1 p.m., Taylor 258.

CSI Ski Club meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 101.

CSI Science Club meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 114.

CSI Interclub meeting, 1 p.m., Taylor 256.

Sunburst Unlimited Christmas program, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Teammaking Through the Holidays, 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday

South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association meeting, 9 a.m., Taylor 256.

Diversity Council meeting, 2 p.m., Shields 105.

Twin Falls Water Planning meeting, 5 p.m., Taylor 277.

Thursday

Idaho Department of Labor

and Internal Revenue Service in-kind wages workshop, 2-5 p.m., Taylor 276/277.

Students in Free Enterprise meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 110.

Guys, lesbians and bisexuals (GLB) meeting, 4 p.m., Shields 112.

Arts on Tour presents the Langroise Trio, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Golden Eagle men's basketball Arctic Circle Classic tournament, CSI plays Citrus College of Glendora, Calif., at 8 p.m., gymnasium.

Friday

State Tax Commission seminar "Computer Plotting of Legal Descriptions for the Layman," 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

High School Debate Tournament, noon to 10 p.m., Taylor, Evergreen, Shields and Fine Arts buildings.

Latinos Unidos weekly club meeting, noon, Shields 102.

Teammaking Through the Holidays, 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. Admission is \$4.

Christians on Campus "Victorious Living" 12-step program, 7 p.m., Shields 102.

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Registry for Interpreters for the Deaf Inc., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aspen 139.

Judo clinic, all day, gymnasium building, aerobics room.

"The Explorers," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 4 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Magic Valley Choral "Many Moods of Christmas" concert, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

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Sunday

Magic Valley Bible Church, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 117 and 118.

Church of Christ, 10:30 a.m., Evergreen A05.

Magic Valley Choral "Many Moods of Christmas" concert, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Group hopes to save more pets

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Armed with a new \$1.3 million grant, advocates for Utah's homeless animals are launching a project to save at least 42,000 animals in shelters across Utah.

"We're kind of a pilot program — a guinea pig project," said Temma Martin, a spokeswoman for the recently formed group, No More Homeless Pets in Utah. The organization represents 72 animal control agencies and shelters in Utah that have agreed to team up for the task.

In June, Utah became only the second state in the country to receive money from Maddie's Fund, a \$200 million California-based foundation created to

eradicate the euthanasia of adoptable homeless pets by 2010.

Maddie's Fund has tentatively committed \$8 million to Utah shelters over a five-year period but will withdraw the funds if certain goals aren't met.

The target for this year includes having 21,000 more animals spayed and neutered compared to last year and 3,000 more animals adopted than last year.

Pets that aren't adopted are usually euthanized.

In 1999, more than half of all animals admitted into Utah shelters — about 46,000 — were euthanized, according to Martin's group. The vast majority were

either stray animals or dropped off at the shelter by owners who could or would not continue to support them.

Homeless-animal advocates estimate roughly one-third of the animals euthanized in 1999 — about 15,000 — were healthy and had no behavioral problems.

"A lot of people don't realize, it's like going to an antique store where you can really get a great deal," Martin said.

People tend to adopt more during the Christmas season, Martin said. But she cautioned that pets generally don't make for good surprise gifts and recommended that people select pets for themselves, not others.

Government to auction wild horses this week

BOISE (AP) — The Bureau of Land Management will hold its annual wild horse adoption on Dec. 2 and 3.

"We have a variety of very good looking horses available, from palomino to roans," said Sam Matise, head of the wild horse program for the agency's Lower Snake River District.

"We'd like to see them all go to good homes."

Nearly 160 wild horses gathered from herds will be available later this week. First, however, people interested in adopting a horse must apply. Potential adopters must be at least 18 years old and their applications must be approved prior to the auction.

November heats up to become Utah's coldest

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — If temperatures don't heat up soon, November 2000 is likely to go down in the history books as the coldest November in the Salt Lake Valley since records were first documented in 1929.

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Maryland, it will be 4 to 6 degrees cooler in January this winter.

The center predicts parts of other northern states will maintain last year's temperatures. California, Florida, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, South Carolina and Georgia — while the north will have colder temperatures than in recent years, the center's forecast says. Illinois and Michigan are expected to be hardest hit by freezing temperatures.

Base becomes technology leader

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — In the post-Cold War era of military downsizing, Air Force bases are always looking for ways to prove they're worth their costs.

That's why officials in U.S. Rep. Jim Hansen's office were excited when Hill Air Force Base became the Air Force's "center of excellence" for low-observable technology — which keeps planes off radar screens and could eventually be used on nearly all military aircraft.

Hill became the leader in the technology when Northrup Grumman Corp., the prime contractor for the military's B-2 stealth bomber, transferred its Southern California manufacturing facility to Hill's Ogden Air Logistics Center earlier this year.

It represents (Hill) becoming a leader in the future," said Johnson, legislative director for Hansen, R-Utah, whose district

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Authorities might scale back search

BOISE (AP) — Civil Air and Space Force officials planned to scale back their search for a plane missing in the Hells Canyon region of eastern Oregon since Nov. 16.

Civil Air patrol authorities from Oregon, Washington state, Idaho and the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center said they would re-evaluate the search and rescue efforts for pilot Brian Moody of Baker City and passenger Kevin Williams of Spokane, an Idaho Power Co. biologist.

"No trace; it has been the story since day one," said Lt. Col.

Thomas Traver of the Civil Air Patrol. He and his crew are committed to continue searching at least until Monday.

Moody and Williams left Baker Airport about 11 a.m. in a six-passenger aircraft to do an inventory of radio-collared mule deer along Brower Reservoir in Oregon and across the Snake River in Idaho for Idaho Power.

The plane failed to land at 3 p.m. as scheduled at Idaho Power's private airstrip at Oxbow, where Williams was living temporarily.

"We have been trying to

retrace the plane's steps, factoring in weather and fuel because we aren't receiving a homing signal from the black box," Traver said.

Search and rescue aircraft teams have flown 80 sorties, logging 166 hours of flight time searching rugged and snow-covered terrain just north of Ontario, Ore.

"We want to be optimistic, but at the same time, you don't want to give anyone false hopes," Traver said. "In this case, there's a lot of questions and no one has concrete answers."

Hormone

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sion, fat gain in the abdomen, hips and thighs, fatigue, water retention, morning and evening fatigue, memory lapses and incontinence.

"I dropped a whole pant size and my breast tenderness went away after I went off estrogen," said Parry.

Estrogen Dominance Syndrome can be tested for with saliva test, Parry says. The test costs about \$30 and is painless — just drool in a cup and hand it over to the lab.

Tests to prevent breast cancer, Parry advocates using 20 milligrams per day progesterone cream, which is sold over the counter. It costs between \$25 and \$40 for a tube that lasts six

weeks to two months.

Progesterone not only inhibits growth of breast cancer, according to several studies, but has been shown to increase bone mass by 15 percent over a one-year period. Premarin-estrogen made from pregnant mare's urine stimulates bone mass growth by 12 percent during the same time period.

Progesterone can also help relieve hot flashes after it's been taken three to six months, Parry said.

A lot of doctors don't concur with what Parry's preaching. Among them, Dr. Edward Dalton, president of the National Consortium of Breast Cancer, who cautions against being too ready to believe studies that indi-

waits for its newest arrivals, Black said the center works with refugees already here. It offers English classes and helps with job skills advancement. This year the center received a \$62,000 one-year grant to hold six-week refugee orientation sessions about life in the United States.

The classes will run for two hours on Saturdays and will cover topics including civics, gender, and finance issues.

Refugees often come from countries such as Iran that have been in direct conflict with the United States.

But Black said he doesn't anticipate that there will be a problem with acceptance of Iranian refugees here.

"These were the ones that refused to fight for the Ayatollah's regime," he said.

There hasn't been a problem with local acceptance in the past, Black said. Center statistics show that nearly 2,000 refugees have arrived in Twin

Falls since 1990. Some have moved to other parts of the country while others have stayed here, but the numbers aren't formally tracked.

The U.S. State Department reports that it will accept primarily Iranians and Afghans who are vulnerable in Middle Eastern countries where they have sought asylum or who are in asylum countries that do not offer permanent resettlement.

Afghan refugees who will be accepted by the United States are chiefly families headed by women at-risk because of discriminating policies against females and ethnic minorities.

Iranian refugees coming to this country will be mainly religious minorities facing persecution, even execution, in their native country.

Times-News staff writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-9931, Ext. 241, or by e-mail at jsandmann@magicvalley.com.

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